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Bombay Rifle Club.
Aryan Social Union, Meeting, Framjee Cowasjee Institute, 5-30 p.m.
Association Football, Cooperage Ground, Telegraph vs. Royal Artillery, 5-30 p.m.
Music at the Cricket Match, 4-45 p.m.
Music at the Victoria Gardens, 5-45 p.m.
Music at the Yacht Club, 5-30 p.m.

CRICKET.

Bombay Gymkhana vs. Marine Battalion, 1-45 p.m.
Municipal vs. Ordnance.
Y. M. C. A. vs. Telegraph.
Y. M. C. A. vs. Islam Gymkhana.
R. I. M. vs. B. B. and C. I. Railway.
Ralli Brothers vs. L. N. Lancashire Regiment.
B. V. A. vs. Military Medical.

TO-MORROW.

Cricket: Baronet vs. Elphinstone.
Hindu Gymkhana vs. Young Zoroastrian.

PRINCE'S DOCK.—The steamers Satrunjee, Ponani, and Hooseinee entered the dock on Thursday; and the steamers La Seyne and Clan Monroe yesterday; the steamer Madeline left it on Thursday, and the steamer Purnia yesterday.

VICTORIA DOCK.—The steamer Clyde left the dock yesterday.

MUSIC AT THE CRICKET MATCH.—The Band of the Marine Battalion will play at the cricket match, on the Gymkhana ground, this afternoon, at 4-45 p.m.

FOOTBALL MATCH.—A match will be played under the Association rules, on the Mahim Green, to-morrow. The kick-off will be at 4 p.m., sharp. The teams will be captained by Messrs. E. G. Coelho and Espranca.

ACCIDENT TO A MENDICANT.—Sowrath Edoomul, a mendicant, aged sixty years, was knocked down by a carriage, on Thursday evening, on Bombadevi Tank Road, and sustained injuries to his head and right arm. The injured mendicant was removed to the Gooculdas Tejpal Hospital, and treated.

MUSIC AT THE VICTORIA GARDENS.—The Band of the G. I. P. Railway Volunteers will play the following programme, at the Victoria Gardens, this evening, at 5-45 p.m.:—

March	Esterpe	W. Clark.
Fantasia	A Burlesque	J. A. Kappey.
Valse	Lucetin	C. Fahrbach.
Song	Mona	Stephen Adams.
Country Dance		J. A. Kappey.
Galop	Rallye	G. Briggs.

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MUSIC ON THE ESPLANADE.—By kind permission of Lieutenant-Colonel Luard and Officers the Band of the 1st Battalion B. B. and C. I. Railway Volunteer Rifle Corps will perform the following programme, at the Esplanade Bandstand, this evening, at 5-30 p.m. (Weather permitting) :—

Quick March	Telephus	F. Haines.
Overture	Reine De Regiment	Jonizzi.
Valse	Friedens Palmen	Keler Bela.
Selection	Un Ballo in Maschera	Verdi.
Polka	Egyptian	H. Laurent.
Galop	John Gilpin	J. Henkel.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

FATAL ACCIDENT ON BOARD A STEAMER.—Mr Allan F. Turner, the coroner, held an inquest, yesterday, at the morgue, regarding the death of a Native Christian, named Rolia, aged thirty years, employed on board the British Indian Steam Navigation Company's steamer Chilka. On Thursday morning, the deceased, together with a number of other labourers, was discharging logs of timber from the steamer Chilka, when he was accidentally killed by the chain of the crane, which snapped, whilst lowering a log over the side of the ship. The loose end of the chain struck him on the head, fracturing his skull. His body was subsequently removed to the morgue. A verdict of accidental death was recorded.

COMPENSATION PAID TO MEN FALSELY CHARGED.—At the instance of Inspector Sanderson, Alibax Hyderbax and Nubban Alibax were, yesterday, charged before Mr. W. E. Hamilton, Second Presidency Magistrate, at the Mazagon Police Court, with stealing a gold neck ornament, valued at Rs. 50, belonging to Rugbir Beharilal, a retail-collector, residing at Falkland Road. Mr. Sanderson, in stating the facts of the case, said that complainant alleged that the two accused, who lived in the same chawl as himself, stole the gold ornament from the pocket of his jacket, which he had hung on a nail in the verandah of the chawl. From inquiries made by the police, it was found that the charge was a false one made on account of the ill-feeling existing between the parties. The two accused were at once released on bail. The magistrate, after recording the evidence, acquitted accused, and fined the complainant Rs. 50, which was ordered to be awarded to the accused as compensation.

TAKING A CHILD'S ANKLET.—At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Narayen Hurry, an old offender, was charged, at the instance of Inspector Fleming, before Mr. W. R. Hamilton, Second Presidency Magistrate, with committing theft of a silver anklet, valued at Rs. 4-8-0, from the person of a child belonging to Revabai, a woman. On Thursday evening, the complainant Revabai, went to Walkeshwar Temple, where the annual Pithori fair is being held, and was standing in the crowd, with her child in her arms, when accused went from behind, and having surreptitiously removed the anklet from the child's left leg, put it into his pocket. A Brahmin, who was standing a short way off, observing the movements of the accused, ran up and caught hold of him. Accused who threw the anklet on the ground, was arrested, and handed over to the police. He denied the offence, stating that the anklet was not found with him, but was picked up from the road. He, however, admitted a previous conviction, and was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

A POLICEMAN SENT TO JAIL FOR CORRUPTION.—Before Mr. Pherozo Hoshung Dastoor, Third Presidency Magistrate, at the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, Shaikh Abdul Kader Abdulla, a policeman, was charged by Superintendent Ingram and Inspector Log-Smith, of the dock police, with receiving Re. 1-8 as a bribe, on the 25th August. It appeared from the evidence that accused had received a bribe from Narayen Babu, a cart-driver, against whom a summons was issued by Mr. Cooper. The accused went to Narayen's place, and, showing him the summons and the duplicate, said that there were two charges against him, and he would be fined Rs. 20 unless he paid accused something. Complainant borrowed Re. 1-8 from his landlady in small silver-coins, and paid the same to accused who left the summonses for complainant to destroy if he chose. A report having been made that the summons was lost, a fresh summons was issued against Narayen, who, on receipt of it, went over to Mr. Ingram's bungalow, and, showing him the original summons, told him what had happened. Accused, in defence, said that the summons dropped from out of his pocket and he being ill with fever could not make an early report. The magistrate remarked it was a curious coincidence that if this story was true the summons should have been dropped near the house of the man against whom it was issued. He disbelieved the story, and sentenced accused to two months' rigorous imprisonment.

GOA NEWS.—On the 20th August the Government Council approved the names of Messrs. Luis Carneiro and Joao de Mello to form the Provincial Council, leaving aside the election of Mr. Ismael Gracias who had twelve votes, while Mr. Joao de Mello had only nine. The resolution has caused considerable sensation. The reasons assigned by Mr. Ochoa, the acting Chief Justice, are that Mr. Gracias is a subordinate officer of the Secretariat, and the Governor-General would not like to sit and discuss with his subordinate, and there are two parties which ought to have their representative. Mr. Ismael Gracias is a most intelligent officer, who has been member of the Provincial Council before, and the high number of votes he had obtained indicated appreciation of his merits. The law gives discretion to the Government to choose two out of the six candidates.—The election of Viscount of Bardez and Count of Ribandar for the Agricultural Council has been approved.—The nomination of Mr. Cupertino de Andrade as District Judge of Loanda, has been cancelled, and he has been transferred to Benguella.—The proposals of the ex-Governor-General have been approved by the Consultative Committee for the Colonies in Lisbon. Accordingly the number of officers is to be reduced and the pay of soldiers to be increased.—The annual report of the West of India Portuguese Railway Company has been published. The receipts for the year 1892-93 are put down at Rs. 3,74,080, and Rs. 5,86,205, and the expenditure at Rs. 363,574, and Rs. 4,21,635, leaving a balance of Rs. 11,106, and Rs. 165,093, respectively. The interest which amounts to about 11 lakhs has not been included in the expenditure. Taking in round figures 1½ lakhs as balance, there still remains a deficit of 9½ lakhs to be made good. Goa pays 6 lakhs (equal to the whole income from the abkari tax), and Portugal makes up the balance. The contribution of nearly one-third of its annual revenue from a poor country like Goa entails far too heavy a burden.—Mr. Joaquim Area, the Inspector-General of Customs and Abkari who is in Portugal, is returning to India.—The Viscount de Nora, Villa d'Ourem, the Governor-General-elect, is reported to be leaving Portugal for Goa by the beginning of September. The new budget increases the salary of the Governor-General by Rs. 3,000.—Mr. Jose Caridade de Souza who received a sound thrashing on the day of the proclamation of Mr. C. R. da Costa as Deputy, appealed against the decision of the Assistant Judge Mr. Carcicolo de Sa. The High Court has rejected the appeal.—A regular steam-launch service between D. Paula and Marmagoa is under consideration.—Mr. Pocas Falcao, the Chief Justice, who, it was supposed, had retired, is said to be returning to India to resume charge of the post. Perhaps it may take some time before he returns. Mr. Falcao may be sure of receiving a hearty welcome as he had performed his duties to the entire satisfaction of all. Mr. Porphyrio is to be transferred to Angola.

BOMBAY GYMKHANA MUD SPORTS.

THE following is the programme for Wednesday next, the 5th September, commencing at 5-15 p.m.

I.—Tent pegging—Over a hurdle—Peg 15 yards from hurdle. Horses or Ponies.

II.—Tent pegging Competition.—A, Ponies, B, Horses.

III.—Pony Scurry.—For all Galloways 13-3 and under that never won or ran a race value its 40 or over. Catchweight. Distance about ¼ mile. (W. I. T. C. and Polo Certificates accepted.)

IV.—"Aunt Sally" Competition—Teams of four to ride over, dismount, run to a mate in alternate sections, and knock over four cocoanuts placed on post with Polo balls, remount, and return to winning post. Team doing it in shortest time to win.

V.—The Pill Stakes—Ladies' nomination. Gentlemen to ride to a point-dismount, and run to where his nominatrix is standing. Lady receives an umbrella and cigarette, open, umbrella, light cigarette, mount, and return over hurdle to winning post, finishing through paper screen. First through paper screen with cigarette alight to win.

Competitors are requested to make their entries at the Gymkhana or send them to the honorary secretary before mid-day, on Wednesday, the 5th instant, but post-entries will be accepted.

T. W. BIRKETT,
Honorary Secretary.

1st Sept., 1894.

CHARGE OF DEFAMING A MEDICAL PRACTITIONER.

YESTERDAY, at the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. Cooper, Chief Presidency Magistrate, George William Spalding, proprietor and publisher of the *Bombay Gossip*, appeared to answer a charge of defaming Mr. James Murray, a medical practitioner, in that he, on the 25th July last, published a paragraph in his paper, containing certain allegations calculated to damage the character of complainant and his practice as a medical man.

Mr. Kirkpatrick, instructed by Messrs. Houghton and Byrne, appeared for Dr. Munday the complainant, while Mr. Hugh Sealy defended the accused.

In opening the case Mr. Kirkpatrick said that accused's paper was conducted on the lines of society papers of England, and it made the same mistake as those journals in feeding an unhealthy public appetite by giving publicity to purely private affairs concerning individuals. There was usually a tendency to exaggeration and to make statements which had no foundation. Referring to the libel complained of Mr Kirkpatrick said that in the issue of the *Bombay Gossip*, of the 11th August, an article was published commencing "Monday and Tuesday are rival ship-doctors in Bombay harbour and in the docks," the whole tone of which was calculated to injure his client and had, as a matter of fact, injured him in his professional reputation, lowered his credit amongst his friends and the public generally, and held him up to ridicule and contempt. He complained particularly of the passage "Monday is the son of a retired apothecary of the local European General Hospital, who entered as an apprentice in the J. J. Hospital, and did not pass even for the apothecary's business. He resigned, and joined the Bombay police; left that, and steered his way to England, got some Scotch medical letters of the alphabet tacked on to his name, and burst out in Bombay as a full-blown disciple of Æsculapius, with a dog-cart and a red-lamp over the entrance to his residence." Counsel then explained that the complainant's father was a surgeon and lived at Nasik, his name was to be found in the medical register as a surgeon in the Indian Army. Complainant entered the medical department in 1869, passed his examination, and subsequently found a first place among sixty-six candidates. In 1875 he went to Edinburgh and after serving the usual term was admitted as a member of the college of surgeons and physicians. He came to Bombay to practise amongst men engaged in the shipping. The libel in question was the outcome of a dispute between Dr. Munday and Dr. B. S. Shroff (the Tuesday in the paragraph) who also practised amongst shipping men in Bombay harbour.

Evidence was then led.

Mr. George Jacob, master of the s. s. Brenkburn, being examined by Mr. Kirkpatrick, said that he knew complainant as the only surgeon who practised amongst the shipping. He had engaged complainant as a surgeon for his crew at present and also two years ago when he was last here. Captains of ships engaged surgeons and he engaged him from what he had heard about him. He had read the libel complained of, and if he did not know complainant he should have thought very badly of him. He was quite satisfied with complainant as a medical man. If he had not known him and read the paragraph in question he would not have recommended him to another captain. Witness had recommended him to other captains, but he did not know if he had been engaged by any of them.

Cross-examined by Mr. Sealy witness said he knew Captain Macaulay, Lloyd's Surveyor. He had not come to witness about giving evidence in this case. Complainant was recommended to witness by Captain Moryfield. For treating two or three men witness had paid Rs. 50 to complainant. Witness did not know any previous literary encounter between complainant and Dr. B. S. Shroff. So far as witness was concerned the alleged libel did not injure complainant. If witness did not know complainant he should have thought that as stated in the defamatory para. he had got some Scotch medical letters of alphabet tacked on to his name," and that he was not a qualified professional man. Witness thought the words "did not even pass in the apothecary business" also were applied to the complainant. There was something about negligently causing the death of a sailor which witness thought was very serious. This form of expression meant that complainant had not taken a degree. If he did not know complainant he should have believed what was stated in the paragraph and would not have engaged him. He did not know if there was anything in the paragraph to make people smile in reading it.

Re-examined by Mr. Kirkpatrick, witness said his personal knowledge of Dr. Munday led him to disbelieve the statement about negligently causing the death of a sailor.

Mr. Gustadji Cowasji, a clerk in the Chief Presidency Magistrate's Court, produced the original declaration filed by accused, whom he knew as the proprietor and publisher of the *Bombay Gossip*.

Captain Kenneth Macaulay, Marine Surveyor by profession, at present acting Lloyd Surveyor to the port of Bombay, being examined by Mr. Kirkpatrick, said that in consequence of his occupation he was largely acquainted with the sea-faring men in Bombay, captains and others. He knew Dr. Munday as a medical man practising amongst men engaged in shipping, and he enjoyed a very good name amongst them. Witness knew him since he came to Bombay to practise in the harbour. Witness always recommended complainant to captains requiring a doctor. Witness had read the libel in question, and in his opinion it was decidedly calculated to damage complainant in character and practice amongst sea-faring men in Bombay. The statement that complainant was not able to pass even as an apothecary insinuated that he could not possibly pass as a doctor. The imputation as to the qualification as a medical man was what he objected to. When witness read the paragraph he did not believe it to be true, because he knew complainant personally. But for his personal knowledge of complainant he should not have recommended him to any one after reading the paragraph. Witness at once identified Monday as referring to complainant, and Tuesday to Dr. B. S. Shroff who was in court.

In cross-examination witness said that complainant was his doctor and also his friend. When his friends were sick, witness introduced complainant to them as a medical man. Witness did not advise complainant as to what witnesses he should call in this case. Witness had a faint recollection about a dispute between complainant and Dr. Shroff some time ago. Witness' attention was called to the paragraph by his friend, Mr. Ellis. The paragraph had not lowered complainant in witness' estimation. Witness believed complainant had asked people to employ him.

The complainant then entered the witness-box and gave evidence. He repeated the statements made in his information filed on the 15th instant, which have already appeared in these columns. He denied all allegations made against him in the defamatory paragraph.

The magistrate having other cases fixed for the afternoon adjourned the case, remarking that accused was a young man, and it would be much better if he were to consult a leading lawyer or barrister.

The case was adjourned until Wednesday, the 5th instant.

P. F. F. GRIEVANCES.

A CORRESPONDENT, writing to the *Civil and Military Gazette*, remarks:—It speaks well for the good feeling and the discipline of the Punjab Frontier Force, that not a remark has been made of any kind regarding the composition of the Waziristan Delimitation Commission. But a bitter feeling has been aroused, and when the list of corps for service first came out, forcible comments on it were made by young and old at every frontier station. It is certainly hard that the Piffers should be stuck from year's end to year's end at the worst and hottest stations in India, and have to live at outposts like Kajuri Kach and Jhandola, and when at last there is a chance of service that troops should be brought up from down country. A rather funny conversation overheard recently between two subs, young and irreverent both, comes near the truth. "I say Bill, did you hear what the Lord of the Forces said to the Lord of the Country the other day when they were just talking over the Boundary Commission? Well, the Military Sekutar Sahib said: 'Well, my Lord, I suppose as 'ow the Frontier Force goes hup to give these 'ere Wazeroos 'ell.' 'Yes,' says the Lord of the Country, 'I suppose they will, as they have lived in the country all their life and know it better than anyone else.' 'I hobjects,' says the Lord of the Forces. 'Why?' says the Lord of the Country 'Well,' says the Lord of the Forces 'oos any man as is such a born fool as to go and waste' is life on a blooming place like the Frontier, shows he ain't got enough sense to be sent on an expedition like this.' 'No,' says the Lord of the Country 'that ain't right, that ain't; we must send a Punjab Frontier Force,' 'Ho, hall right' says the Lord of the Forces, 'well as the P. F. F. consist of Punjab regiments and Gurkhas, we'll send the 120th Punjab Infantry (winking at the Sekutar Sahib) and the 31st Goorkhas. Alright, that's settled; *bas*.' The Burra Lord doesn't know to this day that he was scored off."

Then again, the Piffers have another grievance. Look at the Staff appointments. It is with the greatest difficulty that regiments on the Frontier can do any signalling at all; the 1st and 3rd P. I. took endless trouble, however, and by dint of great exertions were favourably mentioned by the Inspector of Army Signalling. Are either of the officers who were responsible for this excellent signalling report chosen for this show, just pour encourager les autres. ? Dear me, no; an officer from another favoured corps is chosen, as also is another officer from the same corps chosen D. A. Q. M. G. Both these officers certainly belonging to the P. F. F., but to a regiment always quartered at one of the best stations in India, and specially favoured by fortune and the Commander-in-Chief by being allowed to go on every expedition that takes place, and for this reason very foolishly inclined to look down a little bit on their brother Piffers who have always to stick in beastly stations the whole year round.

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HIGH COURT.—APPELLATE SIDE.

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice JARDINE and the Hon. Mr. Justice RANADE.)

KILLED IN A RIVER WITH A SICKLE.

IMPERATRIX VS. MONGHYA BIN-LIMAJEE.

THIS was an appeal from a decision of the Hon. Mr. W. H. Crowe, Sessions Judge of Poona, who, on the 20th July last, convicted the accused of murder and sentenced him to transportation for life.

The accused was charged with the offence of murder by causing the death of one Ramchand Dalichand Gujar. The evidence consisted, firstly, of his statement made before the first-class magistrate and his further confession made before the committing magistrate, and his statement made in the Sessions Court; secondly, the deposition of the witness Kali; and thirdly, the deposition of the hospital assistant, Abdul Razak, taken by the committing magistrate. From the medical testimony, it appeared that there was a large wound in the front of the throat, one on the right side of the chest, one on the left side of the chest, and a superficial wound on the back of the neck. Death was attributed by the hospital assistant to the wound on the neck, which could have been produced by the sickle produced in the Sessions Court. Constable Ganpat Limaje found the corpse of the murdered man in the stream, and he took it just as he found it to the hospital assistant; so that, the Sessions Judge said, there was little room to doubt that death was the result of the blows inflicted, and that the man was murdered. Before the magistrate on the 12th and 20th July, the accused made a clean breast of it and admitted that he went with Narayen who had provided himself with a sickle; that they sat waiting under trees; that Narayen desired him to tell him when the deceased was coming; that on the deceased entering the river, Narayen attacked him with the sickle; and on Narayen asking accused if he had come merely to look on, accused seized on the back of the victim, when Narayen inflicted several other blows; and that they left the dead man in the river—blood having fallen on the accused's dhotur. During the preliminary enquiry, he repeated this story. In the Sessions Court, he stated that Narayen attacked the deceased and struck him with the sickle, and that on Narayen telling him to hold the deceased, the accused caught hold of his left hand, and Narayen struck another blow on his throat, and he died at once. The Sessions Judge told the jury to give the fullest consideration to the prisoner's statement, because though he had never admitted that he struck any blow himself, it was for the jury to see whether by the part he had taken he committed the offence or not. Now as to the direct evidence of the witness Kali, the Sessions Judge remarked that if she was to be believed, she saw the accused and Narayen sitting under the mango tree and prickly-pear. She saw the deceased enter the river and Narayen attack him, and she added that the accused took the sickle from Narayen and struck the deceased with it. The jury unanimously found the accused guilty of murder, and in consideration of his youth and the subordinate part played by him in the offence, the Sessions Judge sentenced him to transportation for life.

Their Lordships, on a consideration of the evidence, rejected the appeal.

IMPERATRIX VS. NARAYEN VALAD UMAJEE.

The accused in this case, who was tried with the prisoner in the last case, was found guilty of murder and was sentenced by Mr. Crowe to death. Mr. Vasudeo Balkrishna Gokhale was assigned to the accused at the hearing of his appeal before their Lordships, who, after taking into consideration all the circumstances of the case and the arguments of the advocate, dismissed the appeal, and confirmed the sentence of death passed upon the accused.

DACOITY ON THE NASIK ROAD.

IMPERATRIX VS. BALA VALAD RAGHU.

The accused appealed from a decision of the Hon. Mr. W. H. Crowe, Sessions Judge of Poona, who, on the 13th July last, convicted the accused and six others of acting dacoity in two instances and sentenced him for the first offence to four years' rigorous imprisonment, and for the second to six months.

The accused and one Vithu valad Gunajee were charged, under Section 395, with committing dacoity by robbing Mahadu Dhondi and Babajee Gurav, on the 19th February last. The case for the prosecution was that, on the day in question, the complainants were proceeding from Narayangaon on the Nasik road in a cart, when they were attacked by seven or eight men, who upset the cart stopped, and stones thrown. They were stripped of all their valuables, including cash, clothes, and one or two ornaments. The foujdar, on hearing of the offence, suspected that it was committed by some people of Bala Kaki's caste, and made enquiries and obtained information that the accused Bala was mixed up in the affair, and that he had hidden the property in the jungle. The accused made a con fession leading to the production of silver anklets, and other articles, which were buried in a field, and other property was produced from a nulla in the jungle of Pimpalgaon. In his confession accused stated he was taken by force by other persons whom he named. He took his part in the robbery, but he admitted that he took some of the property at Raghu's request to keep for him. The accused said in the Sessions Court that the articles were previously concealed by the police, and that he was made to dig them up. It was hardly likely, said the Sessions Judge, that the police would enter into such a conspiracy which would involve letting off the guilty persons in order to fasten the guilt on innocent persons. The jury found the accused guilty, and his companion not guilty; and the Sessions Judge sentenced the accused as mentioned above.

Their Lordships, after taking the evidence into consideration, rejected the appeal.

THE NEXT CONGRESS.

THE next meeting of the Indian National Congress is to be held at Madras, and it has been arranged that a deputation of the movement is abroad trying to collect the necessary funds. Over two thousand delegates, it is said, from all parts of India are expected to attend, though of course any estimate so far in advance must be pure guessing. A special pavilion has to be erected for the meeting, and the crowd of delegates will have to be lodged and messed. The Congress delegate is frequently an individual of very advanced notions, who expects after the labours of listening, as the case may be, to be regaled with good cheer, and in some cases with the inspiriting beverages characteristic of Occidental civilisation. But this costs money. At the last meeting of the Congress which was held at Madras some five years ago, the entertainment and other expenses amounted to about thirty thousand rupees, a sum considerably exceeding the balance in the hands of the local committee. This time, therefore, it is proposed that the Congress committees should charge each of the delegates Rs. 10 for expenses during the three days of the meeting. It is possible that this decision, if carried into effect, may have the result of reducing the attendance, but apparently there is no help for it, as the local public of Madras seem to have taken the coming visit of the Congress with extraordinary apathy. On the last occasion there was plenty of promising of subscriptions, though a good deal of it never came in about payment; but this year it appears that few have been inclined even to promise anything, and the wire-pullers in despair were confronted with the prospect of having no Congress meeting at all. At last it was resolved to institute a house-to-house visitation. A party of wire-pullers are told off for each particular quarter of the city; they visit every inhabitant in turn, and make him pay up there and then before they quit his premises. They next sally forth into the bazaars and represent to the people that they are making collections for a good and charitable cause. The smallest amount is received from one pie upwards, and all the money thus collected is disbursed into the Congress treasury. Instructions, it is said, have been forwarded to the towns in the mofussil to follow a similar system, and we shall no doubt be informed later on that subscriptions poured in from the poor and ignorant people of South India. In one respect the Madras meeting this year will be unattended by the usual difficulties surrounded the last. On that occasion Lord Connemara invited the delegates to a special garden party at Government House, and showed them a great deal of attention; but things have changed since then.—*Pioneer*.

INDIAN CROP PROSPECTS.

CENTRAL PROVINCES SESAMUM.

THE first forecast of the Til (Sesamum) crop of the Central Provinces, season 1894, is as follows:—Til is sown later than cotton, and the heavy rain of July has hindered the sowings in Hoshangabad and Chhatisgarh, which are estimated to be below the average, and from the same cause the condition of the plants in those tracts is not very satisfactory, but may improve. On the contrary, in Saugor and Damoh sowings are on a larger scale than usual, and prospects are at present fairly good. Altogether, the weather of the last two weeks with lighter rain has been generally beneficial, enabling late sowings to be extended and earlier sown plants to be weeded. About a fifth of the til of the Provinces is grown as a cold-weather crop and will be sown next month; of the autumn til, the prospects of about half are fairly good, and of half rather poor.

COTTON.

The first Cotton forecast of the Central Provinces, season 1894, reads:—Early rain in June enabled cotton-sowings to be started in good time, and in all the important cotton-growing tracts the operations were thus facilitated by moderate rain, with short breaks during the latter part of June and the begining of July. Crops germinated well, and weeding started, but was impeded temporarily by heavy falls of rain in the third week of July was very beneficial, and the weather has since been favourable. Crops in all the districts where cotton exports are important, are progressing satisfactorily, and prospects of a full outturn are decidedly good. The observations apply to 75 per cent of the cotton area of the Provinces. In Hoshangabad, Saugor and Chhattisgarh heavy rain has done some damage, but fortunately these are all districts where cotton is of minor importance.

N.-W. P. COTTON.

The first forecast of the Cotton crop of the N.-W.P. and Oudh for 1894 is as follows:—The rains commenced in good time for the sowing of cotton crop, and were fairly continuous from the latter part of June upto the beginning of July. A break then ensued which lasted upto the end of July. In August the rains have been heavy and continuous upto date. Germination is reported to have been good everywhere. In some places the vitality of the plants is reported to have suffered from the want of rain in July; and weeding was impeded by heavy and continuous rain in August. The area under cotton has been estimated at 10 per cent greater than last year. This relates to condition upto the 10th of August.

N.-W. P. TIL.

The first forecast of the Til crop of the N.-W. P. and Oudh for 1894, has been issued:—The rains, it is shown, were timely and favourable to the sowing of the Til crop. Germination was good. The rainfall was heavy in the beginning of July and in August, which encouraged the crop; with the proper weeding of the crop; while the break in the latter half of July did some damage to the growth of the plants in some parts of the Province. This relates to the condition upto the 10th of August.

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AN EXCHANGE REMEDY FOR INDIA.

MR. FRED ATKINSON, of the Financial Department, writing to the *Englishman* on this subject, says:—

In Mr. Lindsay's letter published in your issue of August 8, he approves of the threshing out in your columns of the differences which exist in our views on the proper exchange remedy for India. In this I entirely agree, but it must not be thought that we are attacking to cut each other's throats; on the contrary, it seems to me that we are strengthening the cause we advocate by agreeing on the main principle, and discussing the details in such a way, as to leave those qualified to judge to decide for themselves how that principle can be the most safely and wisely carried out.

Our points of disagreement are:—

1. Who should hold the gold reserve in England, sell drafts in India, and pay drafts in London?

2. The amount of the sterling reserve.

3. The policy of holding part of the reserve in England and part in India.

In regard to the first point, Mr. Lindsay considers that the Bank of England can best carry out the various duties required, while my opinion is that some other agency should be employed, and the simplest plan appears to me to amalgamate the Presidency banks in India, and establish a branch in London, or to leave the banks as they now are, and establish a branch to each in London.

In my previous letters, I endeavoured to show why it would not be a wise policy to entrust the Bank of England with the duty, but even if it were, would the bank consent to undertake it? Professor Foxwell in his review on Mr. Lindsay's scheme apparently thought not. He said: "Again it seems more than doubtful whether the Bank of England would undertake the agency, and the risk involved in securing the convertibility of the rupee even in consideration of the 1d. outturn allowed upon the operation." And even if the bank management consented, would the Home Government permit it; and, more important still, would it be lawful? The reply is at least doubtful, and it would, therefore, be dangerous to build up a scheme dependent on such a condition. If, therefore, the bank declined, or had to decline the duty, what alternative would Mr. Lindsay propose, always remembering that it would be impossible to turn the India Office into a bank, even only to carry out such simple operations as holding a gold reserve, receiving money for drafts on India, and paying money for drafts in London.

On the second point Mr. Lindsay writes: "I am ready to admit that the larger the sterling reserve is the safer will it be, but Mr. Atkinson should show that the expenditure he advocates is necessary."

A man builds a large mansion with fire-proof bricks, and fills it with costly treasures. He is assured that a fire is an impossibility, but more cautious advice is also given, that, there is still a risk, though in what particular direction it is impossible to say. He accepts the latter advice, and does not insure his treasures. Five, ten, perhaps fifteen years pass, and all goes well, till one day, in some way impossible to trace, a fire breaks out, and the whole of the contents of the house are lost, and the owner has the satisfaction of knowing that if he had paid a small sum annually in insurance he would at least have got the value, and might even in time have replaced what he had lost.

So it is with any scheme for a gold standard for India. A reserve of £5 millions might be sufficient, perhaps for years, but it would take very little for a war, a panic, or a famine to turn the balance of trade against India to a much larger extent, and it would ever ainly be wiser to guard against such a possibility. Lindsay replies that he does guard against such a risk by the condition that the Indian Government in England is to buy up all surplus rupees exported, melt them down, and sell them as bullion. But it appears to me that this remedy may be likened to the case of a vessel, which, in order to save time and expense, clings to the shore, and a sudden storm coming on flounders on to the rocks. Attempts are made to save her by throwing her cargo overboard, which may or may not be successful; the probabilities are that they will not, but even if they are, the vessel will not only have lost her cargo, but she will be certain to be more or less damaged, and will have gained a bad name, all circumstances that will hamper her future success.

It is the possibility of such a risk that it is wiser to avoid by holding a larger reserve. The cost of Mr. Lindsay's scheme, assuming that the bank will decline their co-operation, would be £150,000 a year. The cost of a reserve of £30 millions under my scheme would be £450,000 a year, a difference of £300,000; and this seems a very small sum to pay as insurance on the millions involved.

Lastly, in regard to the third point. Without an actual gold currency in India, the convertibility of the rupee can only be secured by a gold reserve in England, but it is only necessary to hold sufficient there to render the gold standard absolutely safe under ordinary circumstances. If the whole of the £30 millions was kept in England, it would all cost 3 per cent., but if what is not required London was brought out to India, that portion could be utilised as part of the note reserve and part of the present rupee reserve; and would cost the country nothing. Mr. Lindsay objects to this because "legal tender coins, or the substance of which they are composed, are the only proper note reserve; and if the note reserve is unnecessarily large, the surplus should be invested in securities that will yield a profit, not in gold which will yield none."

As regards the legal tender question, I imagine that, the first conditions will be to make gold legal tender for any amount; it is already so for the heavier timber and rubbish followed the larger stream conduced to the

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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE Asiatic S N Co's s s Nawab, 2041 tons, Captain W S Corran, cleared yesterday for Calcutta via coast ports, with a general cargo, duty paid salt and three deck passengers.

THE Clan Line s s Clan Mohroe, 1436 tons, Captain D Dall, arrived in harbour yesterday from Liverpool (3rd August), with a general cargo. The vessel is con- signed to Messrs Finlay Muir and Co.

THE B I S N Co's s s Kangra, 1469 tons, Captain W Stewart, arrived in harbour yesterday from Calcutta via coast ports, with a general cargo, Mr Tomlinson, Mr Hirjee, as cabin and ten deck passengers.

THE Bombay and Persia S N Co's s s Hoseinee, 993 tons, Captain T Hughes, which came in harbour on the 30th August, from Zanzibar, brought a general cargo, Mrs Sorabjee Merwanjee and two infants and 138 deck.

THE B I S N Co's s s Dwarka, 7759 tons, Captain J C Tice, arrived in harbour yesterday from Karachi (29th August), with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Mr G W Ibbard; Mr Lukhmidas, Subedar Burbar Khan and 106 deck.

THE German East Africa Co's s s Safari, 891 tons, Captain A Gauhe, cleared yesteaday for Zanzibar, with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Mr A J Pomfret, Mr E W Goodhouse, Lieut Lemos, Mr R W Evans, Mr. P Schmidt, Mr. P V Scavinius, Mr and Mrs Ramansing, Mr and Mrs Janjoo and 190 deck.

THE French Mail Steamer Laseyne, 1151 tons, Captain L Blanc, arrived in harbour yesterday from Aden via Karachi, with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Mr Garett, Mr Geo Garth, Mr C Nicond, Mr O C Underwood, Mr C Ardeshir, Mr Baharsingh and five deck. The vessel is consigned to M Maritime and Co.

THE following is the list of passengers proceeding to-day, at 9 a.m., from the Victoria Dock, No. 7, per s. s. Emperator, Captain Bechtinger:—For Trieste.—Mr. and Mrs F W Bickel and infant, Mrs Jeraka, Captain, F Beauclerk, Lieutenant G V Watson, Dr K E Neumann, Mr J Duff, Mr B Hoffmand, Mr L Semitz, Mr F Kalsane, Mr A Nicoll, Mr T Matcovich, and Mr M Seferovich. For Venice.—Mr and Mrs Reid, Revd and Mrs G Goettsching, and Miss Reid. For Port Said.—Mr J Cavadia and seventeen deck passengers.

VESSELS IN DOCK.—August 31.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shd.	Vessels.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
	D Nairung	Bullock				T Morrison & Co.
	F Safari	891	Gantio	Zanzibar	N F	F Heyer & Co
	K Satrunjee					Shepherd & Co
	K Bahadurі	825	Keyzar	Not fixed		do
	L Kaveri	547	Fakira	Not fixed		do
	L Ponani	5479	Fakira	Not fixed		Shepherd & Co
	M Sabandri	525	G Ahmed	K Mandvi	1-9	S & Co
	Q Leander	1893	Robson	Dunkirk		Graham & Co
	—Hoseniee	994	Hughes	Mauritius		N F, B P S N Co
30	Ton Crane	Brahmani		523	M Budroo	Marmagoa	11-8

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shd.	Vessels.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
1	Siam	1539	Weighell	China	8-9	P & O Co
1	Hisagno	1495	Bainel	China	8-9	C Barbaro
6	Carthage	2153	M de Horne	London	7-9	P & O Co
7	Imperator	2343	Hechtinger	Trieste	1-9	A L S N Co
8	Brinkburn	2096	G Jacobs	8-9	Mackintosh & Co
11	Paula sp	281	Breymann	Mauritius	4-9	N Jamsetjee
13	Worsley Hall	2172	Black	Not fixed		E Bates & Co
13	Aston Hall	2236	McFee	Not fixed		E Bates & Co
15	Brindisi	2129	Wright			P & O Co
16	Larnaca	1492	Gardner	N F W & A Graham & Co
103	Ton Crane	Mrq Bacquehon		Trieste	9-9	A L S N Co

ARRIVALS.

Aug.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
31	La Seyne (s)	Blanc	Aden via Karachi.
	Clan Alcanzo (s)	Hall	Liverpool, Aug. 3.
	Dwarka (s)	Tice	Karachi, Aug. 29.
	Kangra (s)	Stewart	Calcutta, Aug 1.
	Loch Tay (s)	—	Cardiff.

DEPARTURES.

Aug.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
31	Madeline (s)	Modden	London, &c.
	Purulia (s)	Metcalfe	Zanzibar, &c.
	Clyde (s)	Preston	Aden.

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yester- day:—
Steamer Imperator, Bichtinger, for Trieste, &c.
" Nawab, Corran, for Calcutta, &c.
" Safari, Gauhe, Zanzibar, &c.

The following vessels entered for loading yesterday:—
Steamer Hoseinee, for Aden Jedda, &c.
" Marq Backquehem for Trieste, &c.
" La Seyne, for Aden and Karachi.
" Dwarka, for Karachi.

CALCUTTA.
ARRIVALS.
Aug.
27 Nuddea s ..... Cave ..... Bombay, Aug. 3.
DEPARTURES.
August 27.—Steamers Culna, Eridan and Japan.

VESSELS IN BOMBAY HARBOUR.

Carthage (s), 2451, De Horne
Ijar (s), 2593, Hughes
Worsley Hall, (s), 2173, Black
Brinkburn (s), 2096, Jacob
Nubia (s), 2319 Knox
Imperator (s), 2343, Bechtinger
Larnaca (s), 1492,
Brindisi (s), 2129, Wright
Safari (s), 992, Gaulic
Rydal Hall (s), 2125, Mitchell
Tarapaca (bq), 495
Aston Hall (s), 2251, MacFee

GOVERNMENT STEAMERS.
R I M S Canning, Hollatt
R I M S Clive, Finney
R I M S Elphinstone, Mit- chell
R I M S Investigator, Oldham
R I M S Warren Hastings, Street
Magdala, Abyssinia } Turret-ships.

KARACHI.
ARRIVALS.

Aug.			
21	Dumra s	Russell	Bombay
22	Looksley Hall	Collins	Liverpool
23	Kola s	Livingstone	Bombay
24	Hodeida s	Avak Hamparian	Joddah
26	Java s	Boon	Bombay
	Simla s	Grier	Persian Gulf
27	Kurrachee s	Inch	Perim

DEPARTURES.

Aug.			
21	Bahaduri s	Kotts	Bombay
22	Dumra s	Russell	Bombay
23	Leander s	Robson	Bombay
	Lawrence s	Rogers	Hull
24	City of Edinburgh s	Frame	Batavia
	Kola s	Livingstone	Bombay
25	Stanley Hall s	Bunk	Liverpool
	Hodeida s	Avak Hamparian	Bassora
27	Simla s	Grier	Bombay
	Java s	Boon	Persian Gulf

VESSELS IN HARBOUR.
S S Thyra, Dunning, Ralli Brothers, for Hamburg.
" Ataka, Bement, Ralli Brothers, for Marseilles.
" Looksley Hall, Collins, F Forbes & Co. Ld, for Liverpool.
" Kurrachee, Inch, Ralli Brothers, for Hull.

DAILY EXPORTS.—August 31.

FOR LONDON.
Clyde, s—3 owts ivory, Kesowlal Narrandas.
FOR DUNKIRK.
Leander, s—200 bales cotton, Thos H Moore and Co; 4,000 cwts linseed, Killick Nixon and Co; 1,500 cwts rapeseed, Poonjia Jafram; 150 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers; 3,001 cwts linseed, Owen and Okell.
FOR HAVRE.
Brinkburn, s—14,001 cwts rapeseed, Sanday and Co.
Worsley Hall, s—1,000 cwts rapeseed, Nesseo Khairaz and Co; 2,000 cwts rapeseed, Thos H Moore and Co.
FOR HAMBURG.
Larnaca, s—1,000 cwts myrabollams, Toeppen and Co.
FOR TRIESTE.
Marq Bacquehem, s—500 cwts myrabollams, David Sassoon and Co.
FOR HONGKONG.
Bisagno, s—500 bales twist, Sassoon J. David and Co; 200 bales twist, David Sassoon and Co; 113 bales twist, C Bomanjee and Co; 250 bales twist, N J Abrahams.
Siam, s—36 chests opium, The IP and O Co; 25 bales twist, Silas E Sassoon; 80 bales twist, David Sassoon and Co.
FOR SHANGHAI.
Siam s—25 bales twist, Finlay, Muir and Co; 200 bales twist, E D Sassoon and Co; 300 bales twist, and 60 bales piece- goods, David Sassoon and Co.

KARACHI EXPORTS AND IMPORTS.
FROM 21ST TO 27TH AUGUST 1894.
EXPORTS.
Bahaduri s (Bombay) 1,392 cwts cotton unpressed, 4,349 cwts rapeseed &c, 1,277 cwts rice for transhipment to Mauritius, 127 cwts mutter, 17 corgos skins for transhipment to Genoa.
Dwarka s (Bombay)—318 cwts cotton unpressed, 40 cwts wool unpressed, 194 cwts wheat, 988 corges skins.
Kola s (Bombay)—291 cwts cotton unpressed, 204 cwts wool unpressed, 525 cwts rapeseed, 543 cwts wheat, 175 corges skins.
Beltoria (Antwerp)—80,992 cwts wheat.
Leander s (Junkirk via Bombay) 37,763 cwts rapeseed &c, 11,660 cwts wheat, 679 cwts linseed.
Lorenzo s (Hull) 2,602 cwts rapeseed &c, 143,200 cwts wheat, 10,000 cwts bones.

IMPORTS.
Rufford Hall s (Liverpool)—200 pieces grey goods (foreign), 250 pieces white goods (foreign), 431 pieces prints (foreign).
Branksome Hall s (Liverpool)—350 pieces white goods (foreign).
City of London s (Bombay)—150 pieces grey goods (foreign), 2,172 pieces white goods (foteign), 36 pieces prints (foreign).
Pemba s (Bombay)—625 pieces prints (foreign).
Dumra s (Bombay)—4 pieces prints (foreign).
Dwarka s (Bombay)—325 pieces grey goods, (foreign), 2,70 pieces grey goods, (Indian), 4,785 pieces white goods (Foreign), 774 pieces prints, (Foreign), 3,100 lbs, grey yarns, (Indian), 900 lbs, T red and dyed yarns, (Foreign), 53 cwts yellow metal.
Lorenzo s (Hull via Bombay)—2,176 pieces grey goods (foreign), 1,450 pieces white goods (foreign), 898 pieces prints (foreign), 374 cwts iron.
Kola s (Bombay)—2,276 pieces grey goods (foreign), 13,330 pieces grey goods (Indian), 5,631 pieces white goods, (foreign), 738 pieces prints (foreign), 30 pieces prints (Indian), 30,300 lbs grey yarns (Indian), 5,800 lbs T red and dyed yarns (foreign), 2,200 lbs T red and dyed yarns (Indian), 44 cwts copper, 3 cwts yellow metal.
Bahaduri s (Bombay)—920 pieces grey goods (foreign), 5,098 pieces grey goods (Indian), 940 pieces white goods (foreign) 5,200 lbs grey yarns (Indian), 16 cwts iron.
Mecca s (Bombay)—836 pieces grey goods (foreign), 1,114 pieces white goods (foreign), 1,525 pieces prints (foreign), 1,600 lbs T red and dyed yarns (foreign), 75 cwts copper 3 cwts yellow metal.
City of Edinburgh s (Liverpool and Glasgow via Bombay) 19,730 pieces grey goods (foreign), 26,387 pieces white goods (foreign), 53,001 pieces prints (foreign), 17,400 lbs grey yarns, (foreign), 31,000 lbs T red and dyed yarns (foreign).
Dumro s (Bombay)—1,695 pieces grey goods, (foreign), 26,831 pieces grey goods (Indian), 4,815 pieces white goods (foreign), 1,833 pieces prints (foreign), 30 pieces prints (Indian), 17,700 lbs grey yarns (Indian), 3,356 lbs T red and dyed yarns (foreign), 1,000 lbs T red and dyed yarns (Indian), 95 cwts copper 2 cwts yellow metal.
Locksley Hall s, (Liverpool)—46758 pieces grey goods (foreign), 28262 pieces white goods (foreign), 24646 pieces prints (foreign), 2500 tons coals, and 131 tons coke.
Kola s, (Bombay)—1,777 pieces grey goods (foreign), 5095 pieces grey goods (Indian), 1900 pieces white goods (foreign), 525 pieces prints (foreign), 5 pieces prints (Indian). 400 lbs T red an i dyed yarns (Indian).

HIGH COURT.—September 1.

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice STARLING.)
For Investigation of Pauperism.
Pauper Petition.
1646—In person—Vinayekrao Sadanund and others vs Sada- nund Juggonnath and others—Part heard by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Candy.
41-94 In suit 31-93—In person—Balekhan Himatkhan vs Toolsabai Binto Yankatram and others—Payne G and S.
Suits for Hearing and Final Disposal.
Postponed Long Causes.
402-93—Payne, G and S—Cooverji Hirji alias Cooverji Mulji vs The Municipal Corporation of Bombay—Crawford, B and Co—Part heard.
402-93—Payne, G and S—Cooverjee Heerjee alias Cooverjee Muljee vs Rai Motibai—Craigie, L and O.

THERMOMETER READINGS.
THURSDAY NIGHT, August 30.

10 p.m.		77·4
	FRIDAY, August 31.	
6 a.m.		76·4
9-30 a.m.		80·6
2 p.m.		83·5
4 p.m.		83·5

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

FRIDAY EVENING, Aug. 31.

THE Indian Council made extra allotments of 4½ lakhs of Bills to the three Presidencies yesterday, say 1½ lakh on Bombay; 3 lakhs on Calcutta; and ½ lakh on Madras; at Is. 1 7/8d. which is 1-16d. high- er than Wednesday's regular allotment rate, though the same as was obtained for the small amount of extra Bills on Calcutta placed on the same day. The English and French Funds; London Stock Exchange quotations; the price of Bar Silver; and the Exchange Banks' buying rate in London, were all unchanged yesterday. Bar Silver in New York was 1/8 cent cheaper, at 66¼ cents, with de- mand Exchange on London ‡ cent lower, at 4·86‡ dollars.

The Bank of England Returns issued in London yesterday show that since the previous Wednesday, an increase of one per cent. had taken place in the Bank's Reserve, making it stand at 70 per cent. of the Liabilities. The Bank rate remained at 2 per cent.; and the market rate of Discount at 1 per cent on short London Bills, and 7-8 per cent. on six months' sight Indian Bank Paper.

The Liverpool Cotton market closed quiet last evening; Sursts steady; and Arrivals also steady; the day's sales having aggregated 10,000 bales, inclusive of 300 East Indians. Both spot and arrival prices were all unchanged. The total day's Imports were 1,000 bales.

In New York the price of spot Mid.-Uplands Cot- ton remained at 6 7/8d.; but September Futures were 5 points higher, at 6·61 cents. The Receipts at the U. S. Ports were 4,000 bales.

Our local Cotton market has been quiet in tone to-day, with but a small business passing, and that entirely for account of the Mills, which have taken 1,100 bales, consisting of 400 Bhownuggur, at Rs. 164‡-5; 300 Bengal, at Rs. 161; 200 each of Damergaum, at Rs. 185; and Oomrawuttee, at Rs. 179; and 106 each of Indore, at Rs. 164; and Khangaum, at Rs. 177 per candy. Prices are all unchanged.

WHEAT and SEEDS.—These markets have both been quiet to-day, with very little doing for export; but quotations in both are quite unchangedr

The Receipts of Produce into Bombay yesterday, were as follows:—

Cotton	422 bales.
Wheat	7,565 cwt.
Linseed	1,761 "
Rapeseed	5,199 "
Groundnuts	1,036 "
Castorseed	810 "

FREIGHTS.—No business of any importance has transpired in this market to-day, Holders of tonnage are trying to make the market appear higher; but there is no demand yet from shippers to support an advance.

EXCHANGE opened with a quieter feeling at 1s. 1 13-66d. for Bank Telegraphic, and 1s. 27-32d. for Demand, at which latter rate a little was given; and at 1s. 1 15-16d. for three months' sight Credits. We have heard, however, of very little Merchants' Paper offering to-day for any delivery; and ere- long the market again became unsettled, the disturb- ing element as usual being speculative on the part of the Bullion dealers with the object of lowering Exchange to enhance the value of Gold, with apparently, the desired effect; but the legitimate enquiry on the part of remitters has been limited, and the market, in consequence, closed unsettled, as follows:—

Bank Bills on Demand.	Is. 1 ¼d.	per rupee.
Do. Telegraphic....	Is. 1⅛d.	"
Do. 3 months' sight.	Is. 1 25-32d.	"
Credits do.	Is. 1 7-8d.	"
Francs do.	1·46	"

with Is. 1⅛d. quoted also for forward Telegraphic.

GOVERNMENT PAPER opened at 105 1/8 for Fours for Money, the next Account not being quoted, and the cash price soon dropped to 104‡, at which it remained to the close, no business having been done for September. For 3½ per Cents the opening rates were 104 for Money, and 103‡ for next month, at which there was but a small enquiry; and quota- tions left off ‡ per cent. lower for this denomination.

SHARES.—This market has been closed to-day for a Hindu holiday.

DIVINE SERVICES.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY, SEPTEMBER 2.

SAINT THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.
6-30 a.m.—Holy Communion.
7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion—Choral.—Agutter in G.—Hymns 5, 323 and 559.
4-45 p.m.—Sunday School.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.—Hymns 514, 164 and 21. Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis. Clark Whitfeld.
Daily Matins at 6-45 a.m. and Evensong at 5-15 p.m. Thursday—Celebration at 7-15 a.m.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, MALABAR HILL.
7-30 a.m.—Matins and Celebration.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, ESPLANADE.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School and Bible Classes.
6 p.m.—Evening Service and Holy Communion.—Hymns 263, 311 and 25.
Psalm 84 and 122. Tune 94.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.
(Afghan Memorial Church, Colaba.)
7 a.m.—Matins (Parade Service) and Sermon.—Hymns 5, 299 and 270.
8 a.m.—Choral Celebration of the Holy Communion.—Hymns 193,

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

THE CHINO-JAPANESE WAR.

CONTINUED ABSENCE OF AUTHENTIC NEWS.

LONDON, AUG. 31.

Intelligence received from the various points in the Far East regarding the progress of the conflict between the Chinese and the Japanese continues to be most confusing. Nothing definite is known and the various rumours are most contradictory.

The respective Legations of the belligerents in London are equally uninformed.

It is, however, generally believed that the Chinese Army is rapidly advancing on the Japanese main positions defending Seoul, and that a decisive engagement is imminent.

ROUMOURED ATTACK ON PORT ARTHUR.

The latest report emanates from Chefoo and states that the Japanese troops have attacked Port Arthur. Particulars as to the result are wanting.

The British gun-boat Redpole has been despatched thither.

THE DUTCH IN LOMBOK.

LONDON, AUG. 30.

Active preparations are being made by the Dutch authorities in Java to organise a fresh expedition to punish the Rajah of Lombok. Meanwhile, gunboats are bombarding Lombok.

THE AMERICAN TARIFF.

NEW YORK, AUG. 30.

Under the new American Tariff, salt from India and Ceylon pays a duty of eight cents per hundred pounds.

GREAT FIRE ON THE CANTON RIVER.

HONGKONG, AUG. 31.

A fire broke out amongst the flowerboats on the Canton river. Fully one thousand natives are known to have perished in the conflagration or been drowned.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, AUG. 31.

General James Gastrell.

THE MAILS.

SUEZ, AUG. 31.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Valetta, with the English mails of the 24th instant, left here yesterday, at 9 p.m.

ADEN, AUG. 31.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Hydaspes, with the homeward Indian mails of the 24th instant, arrived here yesterday, at 11 p.m.

CLOSE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA SIMLA OFFICES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, AUG. 31.

It is officially announced that his Excellency the Viceroy has directed that the offices of the Government of India shall close at Simla on the 3rd November, and re-open at Calcutta on the 5th idem.

THE LOAN CONVERSION SCHEME.

The latest telegram concerning the results of the recent conversion in India show a large increase since the 27th instant, and the English figures will arrive on Monday with the statement of conversions to the 30th instant.

LATER.

The accompanying *Gazette of India* Extraordinary will be issued to-morrow morning, here, in Calcutta, Bombay, and Madras. The balance of the 1854-55 Loan is now advertised for discharge, and is distributed as follows, between England and India :—In England, Rs. 669 lakhs ; in India—Rs. 716 lakhs ;—total, Rs. 1,385 lakhs.

On Monday morning the *Gazette of India* Extraordinary will issue in all the four places, giving to the holders of the other 4 per cent. Loans, up till September 17, the option of the same terms as are offered, up to the same date, to the holders of the 1854-55 Loan, now under notice of discharge.

THE CERTIFICATES OF STEAMSHIP ENGINEERS.

The Bill to validate certificates to steamship engineers relates to certificates granted by the Bombay Government, and it affects this Presidency chiefly.

GAZETTE OF INDIA NOTIFICATIONS.

Mr. C. Gladstone has been permitted to retire from the Indian Civil Service.

Major D. Macpherson is appointed Comptroller of Military Accounts, *vice* Colonel Rowlandson.

Leave has been granted to the following Officers :—Colonel F. Hastings, Major Wheatley, and Lieutenants Kaye and Gordon, for one year ; Major Cadell, for six months.

Staff Corps.—To be Captains—Lieutenants Fowler, Kirkpatrick, Townsend, Roberts, Selwin, Amesbury, Field, Millen, Hardy, Maxwell, Douglas, Tighe, Mosley, Sutherland, Knight, Bomchir, Bunbury, Davidson, Hatch, Hudson, Searle, Ewart, Jackson, Anderson, Hamilton, and Eckford.

Mr. H. Cowie has been appointed to officiate as Head Commissioner, Paper Currency, during the absence of Mr. Cox, on privilege leave.

THE ARMY RE-ORGANISATION SCHEME.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, AUG. 31.

It is now practically certain that the scheme of army re-organisation of India will not come into force until April 1 next.

EXAMINATION REWARDS.

The Government of India had the question of examination rewards under consideration, and decided to abolish all rewards for Sanskrit, proficiency in the language not being considered any addition to the qualifications of a military officer. The higher and lower standards remain undisturbed ; also there are any vernaculars spoken in a district where the troops are cantoned or likely to be employed, the reward for passing Parvatiya is reduced from Rs. 360 to Rs. 180.

THE ALEXANDER SHEWAN MEMORIAL CLOCK-TOWER.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

NANDOD, AUG. 31.

Dr. John Pollen, Political Agent, Rewa Kantha, laid the foundation-stone of the Alexander Shewan Memorial Clock-Tower here this morning. In eulogising Mr. Shewan and the good work he had done in reforming Rajpipla, Dr. Pollen said nobody could understand or appreciate a Scotchman so well as an Irishman. He compared an Englishman to the stone, a Scotchman to the brick, and a Irishman to the cement of the fabric of the Indian Empire. The cement bound the stones and bricks firmly together, and enabled the whole structure to rest securely on the goodwill and contentment of the people. His Highness the Raja also spoke, and great enthusiasm prevailed, and with three cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Shewan, Dr. Pollen declared the stone well and truly laid. The day was observed as a public holiday throughout Rajpipla.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

SUEZ, AUG. 30.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Macleod left here yesterday evening.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Sinclair left here for Colombo, Madras, and Calcutta, yesterday evening.

The City Line steamer City of London arrived here, from Bombay, this afternoon.

ADEN, AUG. 30.

The B. I. S. N. Company's steamer Manora left here this evening.

LIVERPOOL, AUG. 30.

The Hall Line steamer Werneth Hall left here yesterday evening.

COLOMBO, AUG. 31.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Australia left here, at 4-30 p.m., on Thursday.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Peshawar left here, at midnight, on Wednesday.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Rosetta left here, at 6 p.m., on Thursday, and may be expected to arrive at Bombay, at 6 a.m., on Monday, 3rd instant.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

LONDON, AUG. 30.

The Liverpool Cotton market closed quiet. Sarats steady.

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The Manchester market has been steady.

2½ per cent. Consols	102⅛
3 per cent. Reduced	103⅛
3½ per cent. Sterling Loan	110⅛
4 per cent. Rupee Paper	59⅛
Bar Silver	30 3-8

The Bank of England returns for the week, ending yesterday, show the following results :—Total bullion, £39,900,000, increase, £300,000 ; public deposits, £5,500,000, decrease, £400,000 ; other deposits, £33,900,000, increase, £300,000 ; other securities, £19,300,000, decrease, £300,000 ; notes and gold, £31,800,000, increase, £400,000. The Bank's reserve is 57 per cent. of the liabilities.

THE POONA FLOWER SHOW.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, AUG. 31.

The annual Flower Show, held at the Council Hall, was opened to-day, by H. E. the Governor before a large assemblage. The show this year was better in many respects than that of last year. The prize for the best flowering plant show was awarded to Narayan Dwarkadas for dendrobium orchids. Mrs. Cowasjee Jehangir was awarded the first prize for the best foliage plant. One feature of the exhibition was a fine show of exotic ferns. Seven ladies entered for Lord Harris' prize for dinner table decorations, Miss Turnbull winning the first prize. The principal prize-winners were :—Mrs. Heeramaneck, Mr. Scannell, Mrs. Cowasjee Jehangir, Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, and the Hon'ble Mr. Crowe. There was a good show of cut flowers and a fine competition in bouquets. The basket vases of flowers and roses were poor.

BOMBAY ARMY ORDERS.

H. E. the Commander-in-Chief has been pleased to make the following appointments :—

7th Bombay Infantry—Lieutenant Owens, 1st Leinster Regiment, a candidate for the Indian Staff Corps, to officiate as Wing Officer, on probation.

19th Bombay Infantry—Lieutenant Wood, 1st Lienster Regiment, a candidate for the Staff Corps, to officiate as Wing Officer, on probation.

3rd Bombay Infantry—Lieutenant Chitty, 2nd Gloucester Regiment, a candidate for the Staff Corps, to officiate as Wing Officer, on probation.

Military Works Department—Lieutenant A. Walpole, Royal Engineers, is transferred from Poona to Bombay division, Military Works.

With effect from the 10th September the undermentioned Officer has been granted leave of absence by his Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief :—1st Worcester Regiment—Captain Wilkie, to remain in England, from 9th August to 1st December, on medical certificate, in extension.

The undermentioned Officers have been granted leave of absence :—7th Hussars—Lieutenant Firebrace to remain in England, pending retirement. Royal Artillery—Captain Knight, 27th Field Battery, to England, pending retirement ; and Lieutenant Peile, No. 14 Company Eastern Division, to England, for four days, in extension.

REVIEW.

INDIAN COMMERCIAL CORRESPONDENCE.*

As year by year the lists of youths who have passed the various educational examinations grow larger and larger we may wonder in what walks of life even a small proportion of them will eventually find employment more or less congenial to the tastes and habits which they have formed in their student days. There was a time when the great ambition of every native youth on completing his education was to obtain service of some kind in a Government office, and young men who had matriculated were glad to take situations of this kind on salaries which were ridiculously small. But the supply continuing to increase while demand remained almost stationary, other fields of employment were sought for, and in Bombay especially, with its rapidly increasing trade and multiplication of mercantile firms, a large prospect was opened for the employment of educated and intelligent native youths. In matters of account and figures generally native clerks have been found to be most proficient and reliable ; but their generally very limited knowledge of idiomatic English and its mercantile technicalities, has much interfered with their advancement. It is a great thing for the head of a European firm to be able to leave his routine correspondence to a native clerk ; but as a rule this is often consumed by a principal or European assistant in an office in drafting ordinary letters for want of a native clerk sufficiently well up in routine mercantile correspondence to do the work. The author of this little book, formerly a merchant himself in this city, and well acquainted with the deficiencies of native clerks in the matter of correspondence, has provided them with a means, the want of which must have been long felt, of improving themselves in this branch of their work ; and not only so, but has furnished them with much information relating to commercial affairs which should prove most useful to them.

The book begins with a few useful hints to the candidate for a clerkship, with the proper forms of application to be used, and some plain directions as to mercantile forms of address, etc. These are followed by an alphabetical list of commercial terms and technicalities, illustrations being given when necessary to show the proper use of the different words and phrases. This list appears to embrace all the words likely to occur in the ordinary routine of a merchant's office, and a clerk who thoroughly masters them would be well equipped for commencing work as a correspondence clerk. Specimen letters are then given on, we should think, every subject likely to form the subject of ordinary correspondence in an Indian merchant's office, both with firms in other countries, and in connection with local business of all kinds, including produce, consignments, shipping, accounts, exchange, native indent and consignment business, fire, and marine insurance. These letters are altogether practical, having reference, evidently, to actual transactions, and are therefore a perfectly safe guide to the student ; and they would appear in a number of cases to have been written with reference to the requirements of students presenting themselves at the commercial examinations at home. Scattered through the little volume are words of advice to the mercantile clerk with respect to his office duties, which, if followed, cannot but lead to his advancement. For instance, under the heading of "Time" he is told :—"Punctuality has been called 'the soul of business' ; and if this was true in the old days when the maxim was first used, it is much more so now that everything is done at so much greater speed. A clerk who strolls into office half-an-hour behind the proper time, and rushes out of it the moment the hands of the clock point to 5, whatever of the day's work may be left undone, shows that he consults his own pleasure or convenience rather than the interests of his employers, and has no right to expect promotion, however great his abilities. In making the best use of his time in office hours, the clerk will find immense advantage in having *method* in his work—in having a set time for such regular work as falls to his share, and taking care that the work is done at the proper time, barring unavoidable interruptions. Thus, should it be a part of his daily work to index the letter books, he should make a point of doing this before leaving office in the evening, or the first thing in the morning ; it is very irritating for the principals in an office when wishing to refer to a certain letter, to find that the books have not been indexed for some days, and, in consequence, lose some valuable time in hunting for it." The book ends with some remarks on the position of exchange, a subject which will demand the attention of every clerk as he advances in his mercantile career.

The publication of this little book, which is one of Messrs. Cooper and Cooper's useful educational series, reminds us that there are no mercantile examinations in this city, notwithstanding the vast commercial interests represented here, and the daily increasing demand for well-trained clerks. We believe that at Madras, and also at Rangoon, such examinations are held under the auspices of the educational department in those places ; and it might be advantageous to the mercantile community of this city if the Chamber of Commerce took the matter up and arranged yearly examinations in commercial subjects, on the lines of those held in London, granting graduated certificates of proficiency to those passing the examinations.

* "Commercial Correspondence," suited to the requirements of Indian Merchants and their Clerks, by L. A. Cassels, B.A. (Oxon), Fellow of the University of Bombay : Cooper and Cooper, Bombay.

A CORRESPONDENT at Lucerne of the Paris "Journal" professes to have "interviewed" the Khedive who has been staying at the Hotel National in the town. He saw him, says a Paris correspondent, as he was about to start for Schaffhausen. His Highness is described as not looking more than his twenty years, though afflicted with premature stoutness. His eyes are caressingly soft, his manner affable, winning, simple, and almost familiar. While travelling in Switzerland he wears a travelling cap and light grey suit. Prince Djmil Toussoun is with him, and they and two persons of their suite breakfast and dine in a corner of a public salle-a-manger. Their table is the liveliest in the room, and the Prince is the soul of the fun that goes on there. They are great readers, and the Khedive receives and himself peruses piles of letters and despatches. The Egyptian princes show a fondness for music, but they are not very active excursionists. The Khedive receives nobody officially, and is extremely reserved with those whom he sees.

THE "disappointed bridal party," described in the home papers, adds another to "Life's Little Ironies." In real life, the other day, the wedding party went to church, but found no clergy or other officials. They very sensibly went home, had the wedding breakfast—and adjourned the wedding itself till next day. The "scene in church" consisted of the collapse of the bride, and the fainting away of one of her bridesmaids. This was all amusing enough in its way, but it is not half so good as Mr. Hardy's story. In that case, it will be remembered, the parson duly attended, but declined to marry the pair because "Andrey" was drunk. The bride made the good old answer : "But if he don't come drunk, he won't come at all, sir." But another alternative was found ; the bridegroom was, by arrangement, locked up in the church and starved into sobriety. The parson and the clerk, however, went out for a day's hunting and forgot the unwedded pair. There was far more comedy in this situation ; but real life has a way of falling short of artistic possibilities. What would be the use of fiction otherwise ?

NOTES FROM LONDON.

(FROM OUR LADY CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, AUG. 10.

WE are told by the oracles of fashion that every self-respecting person has left town. Of course, self-respect is not a necessary equipment for a journalist—all our stock of respect is used up in the editorial department, or we should not be here making the most of Bank Holiday week in "cheap tripper" infested London, while our smart self-respecting fellows are cruising outside Cowes, or seeing summer races run at Brighton, or hearing Lord Salisbury discuss Darwinism at the British Association's meeting at Oxford.

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The privilege of listening to a Marquis who can talk cleverly and knowingly on scientific things is not an everyday affair. So this meeting of the British Association was one of the smartest functions of the week, and the Sheldonian Theatre, decked out with silken banners, bearing the arms of the various successive presidents, was filled tier over tier with a gaily-gowned audience of ladies, amongst whom were, of course, the Marchioness of Salisbury and Lady Gwendolen Cecil.

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Oxford might have enjoyed the honour of entertaining the British Association about ten years ago for the fifth time, instead of now, but for a little hitch in the preliminary arrangements. In choosing the president, a Cambridge man was selected for the post of honour. Universities like individuals have their feelings. So, while not objecting personally to Professor Cayley, the chosen leader, Oxford felt that in its own town it could not with dignity sit under him ; therefore, the venue of the meeting was changed, and a decade of years elapsed before the University was given the chance of receiving the leaders of advanced scientific knowledge within its historic walls.

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All the wise things that Lord Salisbury said in his presidential address will be read at length by those who like to hear the echo of progress from head-quarters. "The time is past," he told his audience, "when men either sought their geology in the books of their religion, or thought that the laboratory or the microscope could help them to penetrate the mysteries which hang over the nature and the destiny of the soul of man." Then he went on to prove how like the world really knows of "selection," "origin of the species," or "survival of the fittest," of which they so glibly talk. Of his own opinion Lord Salisbury spoke humbly as a layman in the face of the Highpriests of Natural Science ; at the same time he impressed his hearers with the extent of his general knowledge, and his practical application of it to the various conditions of life.

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Another fashionable, though belated, social function was the marriage of the Duchess of Buckingham and Chandos with Lord Egerton of Tatton, which took place, this week, in the private chapel at Lambeth palace. The bride was accompanied to the altar by her father, Sir Graham Montgomery, and attended by two pages, the Hon. Rupert Kappel, grandson of the bridegroom, and the Hon. Richard Brenville Morgan, grandson of the late Duke of Buckingham and Chandos, who wore white satin coatees and hats of the time of Charles II. The bridal dress of the duchess was of pearl grey satin, festooned with old Irish lace. Instead of the bonnet, which is usual at a coloured wedding, she wore a grey tulle veil—a becoming and pretty innovation, of which widows with thoughts intent on marriage should take note.

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Women folk will sympathize with the troubles of another bride of the week—a young lady from the South Western suburbs, whose wedding was cruelly postponed by the thoughtlessness of an unsympathetic rector. On the day appointed the wedding party met at the church, but neither the rector nor curate, nor even a solitary verger put in an appearance. After an hour's delay, and an unsuccessful quest for the clergyman at the rectory and elsewhere, the fainting bride and her company returned home, and the beeves and fatlings having been killed and everything got ready, they made the best of the circumstances and ate the wedding breakfast. In the evening came the rector to apologize. It was past the canonical hour for marriages, of course, so the ceremony could not be performed till the following morning, when except for their ruffled feelings everything was made straight and happy. It is to be hoped that protestant clergymen will be required by their bishops, after such a very indecorous example of inattention to the needs of their flock, to stay at home during business hours like other officials, or, if they must absent themselves, to provide a substitute to fulfil their duties.

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On Bank Holiday at Dunmore the flitch of bacon was awarded in the good old fashion that was revived thirty years ago by Mr. Harrison Ainsworth, the novelist, to the married couple who took the prescribed oath that they have not "for one year and a day offended each other in thought, word, or deed, nor since the parish clerk said "Amen" wished themselves unmarried again. The trial took place in a large marquee before Mr. J. M. Welch, the local cora-merchant, attired for the occasion in wig and gown. On his right and left were the counsel for the donors and the claimants for the bacon, three flitches of which were placed before the claimants. Of these only two turned up, Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Fahie, of Monkstown, Dublin, and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Welch, of Essenden, the third couple, an interesting pair of quakers, at the last, whether by reason of conjugal squabbles, having rendered themselves ineligible, or through natural shyness, backed out. Mr. Fahie, who is a J.P., and somewhat witty, was the first examined, and came well out of the test, by the opposing counsel. Then Mrs. Fahie solemnly testified that they had no disagreement for the time indicated. After her Mr. Robert Marsh, their counsel, addressed the Court again : "Here," he said, "you have Mr. and Mrs. Fahie before your eyes—a true union of hearts, the Rose and the Shamrock inseparably entwined by a bond more binding than all the acts of Parliament ever passed at Westminster. Why !" exclaimed the orator, "even their mother-in-law who has lived with them over fifteen weeks, testifies to the blissful life they have led." This was of course conclusive evidence for the jury of bachelors and maidens, being themselves probably probationers for matrimony, and dependent on the goodwill of fathers and mothers-in-law. So, when the trial of Mr. and Mrs. Welch was equally satisfactorily concluded, the couples were hoisted into chairs, the flitches of bacon raised behind them in the air, and preceded by a band of music, they were carried round the field to another platform, where kneeling on sharp stones they took the final oath and were given the flitches.

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Everyone is jubilant over the concession announced to Mr. J. Henniker-Heaton by the Postmaster-General, that in future the public shall be allowed to manufacture and stamp its own postcards. But, after all, to what does it amount. Financially, we gain very little. To buy ten decently solid cards at less than a penny is not easy. As regards convenience, there may be a little gain some times by the permission to use our own address and correspondence cards. But we shall have to buy them the right size ; and we shall constantly have to suffer from the surcharges inflicted in consequence of the sender's ignorance of size and other postal regulations, hitherto clearly defined on each card by the authorities. Then, instead of plain cards, allowing for the vagaries of the wildest handwriting, we shall have to endure those hateful little illustrated advertisements of hotels and pensions, so common abroad, that swallow up all the space, and leave only a tiny corner for the communication. The concession is good, no doubt, even if only as evidence that the postal administration is in the hands of people willing to please its clients, the public. But what we want is a similar boon to that for which Sir Boyle Roche prayed and got laughed at. He asked for a quart bottle to hold a quart—we want a half-penny post card for a half-penny.

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Women are such notably bad business managers, that it may be well to draw the attention of those who have to conduct their own affairs to the change in the Finance Law. This year most people having made their returns for income tax before the Finance Bill became law, it is very likely that many whose incomes are under £500 will overlook the fact that they are entitled to an abatement as to £160, which makes a difference of £5-6-8 in the tax payable. Another matter to which the income-tax adjustment agency calls attention, is that those who have made a loss in business or in investments are entitled to set this loss against profits or income from any other source. It should not be forgotten either, that it is not yet too late to recover income-tax overpaid in respect of the last three years ended April 5, 1894.

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Here is a pretty story told by the *Exchange* of Robert Lowe (afterwards Lord Sherbrooke) which shows a clever man's slight appreciation of a dull wife. One night he was criticising the marriage service in his usual sarcastic style. "With all my worldly goods I thee endow !" he scornfully quoted. "That was what I solemnly declared to Mrs. Lowe at a time when I hadn't a shilling to bless myself with." "But my dear," remonstrated Mrs. Lowe, who scarcely enjoyed this frank revelation of their early poverty, "you had your brilliant intellectual abilities." "Oh, yes," returned her merciless husband, "but I certainly did not endow you with those."

COLONEL ELLES, Deputy Quarter-Master-General at Army Head-quarters, will not proceed on leave until the draft report of the Military Works Committee has been signed, which should be about September 10, as all debateable points have been decided.

THE *tableaux vivants* craze is breaking out in a new place—Wiesbaden. The new theatre there is to be opened in October by the ubiquitous Emperor, and part of the entertainment is to consist of living pictures devised by the manager. There will be a performance of a fanfare in honour of the Emperor, of Beethoven's overture "Die Weihe des Hauses," and of an act of "Tannhauser."

TABLE TALK.

[BY WALTER BESANT.]

LONDON, AUG. 10.

SIR,—I only venture to appeal to you because I have already experienced your great kindness on a former occasion, when you so generously helped my poor husband. He has now been taken from me for three years. My son, who has been ill for six months, and unable to work (being threatened with blindness), has now obtained a position in Bristol, for which he wants clothes, to enable him to make a respectable appearance, and money for his railway fare. If you will help me once more, Sir, indeed—indeed—you would be doing a really charitable object, and one that," &c.

This moving letter was dated from a street leading off a main thoroughfare ; rather a disreputable looking street. The address given was to Mrs. Henry Dunn. I could not understand how virtue could voluntarily take up her abode in this street ; nor could I remember having assisted the late lamented Henry Dunn in any way ; nor could I remember ever to have heard of Mr. Henry Dunn, deceased. So, to avoid taxing a memory much wanted for other things, I placed the letter in the hands of a friend, who is one of the secretaries of the Charity Organisation Society. This is his reply :

"A fraud of the first water. If you were not going away for your holidays, you ought to place the letter in the hands of the police and prosecute. I called at the place—a newspaper shop. Saw an old woman. In reply to my question whether Mr. Dunn lived here, she smiled and said no ; but his letters were received by her. He pays a penny for every letter received. He has no wife as far as any one knows, certainly no children. He is said to have a good situation in the City, and to be well dressed. This change for the better—he used to be down at heel—he states, is caused by his having given up drink. He sometimes gets two letters a day. Lately, several have come addressed to Mrs. Henry Dunn. Would you like to prosecute ?"

I cannot, because I am going off by to-morrow's train. But if Mr. Henry Dunn—the deceased Mr. Henry Dunn—likes to prosecute me, he can. Meantime, perhaps, the exposure of this little swindle will lead other people, whenever they get a begging letter from a stranger, instantly to send it to the nearest office of the C.O.S. They should also, if they have not already subscribed to this most useful institution, lose no time in becoming members. Mr. Henry Dunn, for instance, through this simple action of my friend, will have to change his methods. Perhaps he will have an opportunity of quiet meditation in some secluded spot provided, without regard to expense, by the country especially for him.

The following lines were given to me as the best known lines, and the most frequently quoted, of modern verse in the United States. I wonder how many of my readers, not being Americans, can tell me who wrote them :

The night has a thousand eyes,
And the day but one ;
Yet the light of the bright world dies
With the dying sun.
The mind has a thousand eyes,
And the heart but one ;
Yet the light of a whole life dies
When love is done.

Once upon a time, when the world was quite unselfish, and everybody was perpetually working, planning, contriving for the happiness of everybody else, a discovery was made which filled the universal mind with shame. It was whispered in the press, and men passed the paper from one to the other, whispering, "Hush ! we cannot bear to speak of it. But read it—read it. Oh ! That such a thing should happen in such an age as this ! Shall we never attain to equal-handed Justice ?" And in the pulpit the thing was mentioned, but lightly, as a spot which at a touch sends agony into every nerve. In the domestic circle the girls whispered it with tears ; and the young men with flashing eyes ; and their elders with hanging heads. This was the Shameful Thing. Four times a year this nation held holiday—high holiday. The shops, workhouses, and schools were closed ; everybody put on their very best ; the streets were full of happy crowds ; feasting, singing, dancing, laughing, love-making went on in all classes. And mind, the salaries and pay continued as usual, just as if there were no holiday ; clerks at a pound a week drew their pound as usual ; Heads of Departments of twelve hundred a year drew their salary without deduction. It was a day on which no work was done, yet the people were paid. That, you see, is the essence of a holiday, the gift of a day on full pay. Now it came out—the thing had never before been so much as suspected—that there was a certain factory employing hundreds of girls, and in this factory alone it was the custom to dock the girls of a day's pay for every one of the four holidays. They were uncomplaining girls. They were afraid to complain lest they should be turned off ; they went out like the rest, with their best things on ; but they had to rejoice and be merry *without any dinner*. This was a very pretty thing to find out, was it not ? And from all classes—from the shop boys—from the clerks—from the Civil Service—from the Banks—there arose a Cry that there should not be one law for the men and another for the girls. And when the next Bank Holiday happened everybody invited the poor factory girls to dinner, and they made it up to them as best they could. And as for the managers of that factory . . . Here my information ceases ; but, my dear readers, if last Monday you happened to see certain factory girls dragging along with pale cheeks among the rejoicing and dinner-full crowd, ask whether these girls, unlike all other *employees*, had been docked of their Monday pay.

By this time all the papers will have had their say on the lamentable death of Mr. Walter Pater. Lamentable it is always when a fine scholar and writer is cut off fifteen years before the allotted span ; far more lamentable when, as in this case, the victim occupies a place so unique in modern literature. For Walter Pater stood unrivalled as a master of style ; there was no one like him ; his sentences so finely polished, so carefully corrected, so ornate, so lavish of happy turns and unexpected felicities could not be compared with those of any other writer. They had not the massive weight of Gibbon ; certainly not the rugged strength of Carlyle. Ruskin could not be placed beside him ; he stood alone. Above all other English writers, living or dead, Pater loved language, words, and the collocation of words ; in phrase he was an artist of the highest kind. As for his matter, or his message, one is not so sure ; that is to say, in certain fields he was accomplished—as in the History of Art, though here there are other writers of the same level ; it is too early to decide as to the lasting power of "Marius the Epicurian," his strongest work. One read it with pleasure for the style first ; one remembers little of the teaching ; this may be the fault of the reader ; I, for my own part, shall hasten to read the book again, for I would fain acknowledge in this fine artistic soul all those qualities of the prophetic kind which may be there.

Here is a book on Mashonaland, a book compiled of letters written from day to day, whenever the traveller could find a place and a time, where and when writing was possible. It is a simple unadorned narrative, and it tells exactly what travelling in that country really is. As for the discomforts, there are snakes in the grass, lions round the camp, crocodiles in every pool, flies by millions and myriads, dried up rivers and warm puddles of mud to drink from, food of the roughest and the toughest, natives the most stupid and the most dishonest, roads which are no roads, but only lines covered with boulders, crossing ravines, and climbing hills. Yet this traveller liked it ; while he enumerates discomforts which seem intolerable, he reveals the extraordinary pleasure of the life ; he tramps about after game, paying no heed to snakes or lions ; he bathes in the river when he can without attending to the crocodiles ; he loses himself on the Veldt, but gets out of the mess. If the boys who cannot pass examinations and hate books want to know what life is really like out there, they should read this book. It is called "A Nobody in Mashonaland ;" the author is Mr. C. E. Finlason ; the publisher is Mr. George Vickers, Angel-court, Strand.

In the old days it was customary for the moralist to "point" a moral ; when a moral was pointed, it was considered proper to remind poor people—but they never believed it—how much better off they were than the unhappy rich ; having, indeed, the desirable treasures of insufficient food, short wages, long hours, imperfect clothing, and uncomfortable housing. There was an apologue or parable which was once current in the Sandford and Merton days, in which a very wealthy man was depicted ; he had every thing that the heart could desire ; he had "viands"—the food of Dives was always called "viands"—while the poor man had only meals ; he had—but the enumeration of all his possessions make one green with envy. And then—to top and round off everything—he was cursed with the inability to enjoy anything, insomuch that he yearned for the simplest pickled walnut, and wept to see the gusto with which the hedger and ditcher put away his bread and onion. I know an unhappy shepherd who is like that rich man. Every year he goes away from his work to enjoy the great treasures that he possesses in the country. These consist of mountain, moor, forest, stream, cliff, beach, grassy slopes, flowers on the hedge, the purest air in the world, the breath of the broad Atlantic. Splendid rolling waves, boats, coaches, steamers, wonderful places to visit—there never was a richer man. And behold ! the curse upon this Dives ! For at the breath of the sweet strong air, the fragrance of the flowers, the fresh salt wind of the sea, this voluptuary sinks back, breathless. He chokes ; he cannot walk ; he cannot sleep ; he is struck down with asthma ; and all these treasures are wasted upon him. Sometimes the fit leaves him ; sometimes it stays and drives him away. And he is so fond of his treasures. I do not know what he has done to deserve this castigation. Perhaps he has got old—a thing which is allowed to happen more from want of thought than from any really immoral motive.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

REPORTS have been received by the Government of India on a series of trials of Cordite and K. Powder with the Martini-Henri rifle. The results are said to be very favourable, the rifles practically shooting correctly up to seven thousand rounds. The trials of the Lee-Metford, it will be remembered, gave a life of only half of the above duration.

OWING to the plentiful rainfall the receipts from irrigation in the North-Western Provinces, last year, showed a considerable falling off. Assessments under occupiers' rates on the canals under the direct control of the Irrigation Department amounted to about twenty-three lakhs, as against more than twenty-four lakhs in the preceding twelve months, and the decrease, as compared with the average of the past five years, exceeded two lakhs.

THE statement that Major Burn Murdoch, R.E., has accepted the Agency of the Southern Mahratta Railway is at any rate premature, since the offer has not been made to him.

THE Government of India have decided that no change shall at present be made in the arrangements for the Waziri delimitation escort in the direction of organising a punitive expedition against the tribesmen. If the Mahsuds offend further, however, such an expedition may be forced upon the authorities.

THE Chief Court of the Punjab points out that a case has recently been brought to the notice of the judges in which a railway servant having appealed from a conviction for an offence committed in his capacity of railway servant, the appellate court reduced the sentence without giving notice of the appeal to the head of the railway administration, and invites the attention of the courts to Punjab Government Notification, No. 127, dated the 28th January, 1891, in which it is laid down that in such cases, when the appeal is not summarily rejected, the appellate court shall cause notice to be given of the time and place of hearing of the appeal to the head of the railway administration concerned as well as to the District Magistrate.

LOMBOK, which has just been the scene of a bloody mutiny, is a small island of the Dutch East Indies lying between Little Java and Sambawa. It has only some half-a-million of inhabitants. How the mutiny has come about is a tale that is yet to be told. The Hollanders administer their East Indian settlements in their own way. They attempt neither to educate nor to disinfect the native as we do in India ; far less do they teach him to look forward to a time when he is to govern himself with the aid of a gilt-edged edition of Burke. They look upon him merely as part of a machine for the production of coffee and tobacco and spices, and oil him only so far as they deem necessary to prevent friction. Nevertheless, as in India, we have not always found our system produce ardent supporters of British rule, so it would be too much to assume that the mutiny in Lombok is the outcome of an unsympathetic rule.

MR. H. WATHEN, Examiner of Accounts in the Public Works Department of the Government of India, has gone on three months' privilege leave, and Mr. Volkers officiates.

IT is understood that the adjustment of the expansion gear of the Hughli (Jubilee) Bridge has been completed without stopping the traffic, which it was at first thought would be necessary.

HEAVY rainfall is reported from the Darjeeling district. In the twenty-four hours ending eight o'clock, on Monday morning, the fall at Darjeeling was over three inches, and at Jalpaiguri, four.

IT is a question whether the Commissioners of Divisions are entirely the impartial judges the Government of India suppose them to be in remitting to them the task of diciding on questions of taxation between railways and municipalities. Just lately there has been a dispute between the East Indian Railway and the Bhagulpur Municipality which, by orders of Government, was referred to the Commissioner, the Government at the same time expressing an opinion that the rate proposed was excessive. But the Commissioner, who is presumably much more concerned in financing the municipality than he is with the railway, actually imposed a higher rate than Government had already declared to be excessive. It certainly seems a little unreasonable that the railway water-supply itself should be included in the property taxed to keep up the municipal water-supply, but both here and in England railways are regarded as fair game for the eccentricities of local taxation.

MR. GEORGE CURZON'S visit to the Gilgit Agency, writes the *Pioneer*, will complete his knowledge of the North-West frontier, for he has already seen the Khyber-Khojak section of the borderland. His journey is made at an opportune moment, for at this season of the year the provisioning of the garrisons in the Hindu Kush region is being carried out, and reliefs are on the move. He will observe how thoroughly the Government of India are carrying out the defensive policy to which they are committed as a result of Russian action on the Pamirs. The transport train of camels, mules, and ponies, working between Bandipur and Gilgit, and even beyond to Hunza-Nagar, must excite his admiration, for high passes have to be crossed, and the whole region traversed is a mass of mountains. Yet everything is being done with the same exactness and smoothness as would obtain in India itself, except that no railway lends its aid to the carriage of supplies. Mr. Curzon will see also that the Hunza-Nagar Valley, the scene of desperate fighting not so long ago, needs only a garrison of a few score men to make British authority respected. If he should venture as far as Mastuj, he will find Captain Younghusband there with a small escort of 100 rifles ; no strong detachment is required to confirm the protection extended to Chitral. Again, if on his return journey he strikes down the Indus Valley and reaches Chilas, he will be welcomed at a post equal to defying the attacks of all the local tribesmen, and he may pay a flying visit to the Babusar Pass with only half-a-dozen sepoys to guard him. The traveller who has made the Central Asian question his special study will, of course, have to exercise a wise discretion as to how much he shall say hereafter in print ; but we are convinced that he will be greatly impressed by all he may see, and not least by the soldierly bearing of the Kashmir Imperial Service troops who have won such distinction on the further borderland.

AN original member of the Eighty Club sends a home paper an interesting note about its early stages and the genesis of its title. The club, as most of the older members know, grew out of Grey's committee, formed by, or at the instance of Mr. Albert Grey for the purpose of keeping the young Radicals in touch with the Whigs and Moderates. This consisted of about half-a-dozen individuals whose first intervention at elections was at Sheffield in 1879. Indeed, the first electioneering speech for the Eighty Club (as it afterwards became) was, we believe, made at that election by Mr. (now Judge) Snagge. The older members of the party soon recognised the possibilities of this new electioneering machine, and a formal start was made at a meeting in an upper room of what is now the National Liberal Federation Office in Parliament-street.

ONE of Mr. Aubrey Beardsley's bewildering wall-posters has recently passed through some really remarkable adventures in America. A visiting Philadelphian, it appears, purchased the poster from a Strand bill-sticker for the exorbitant sum of two pence. He then mailed it to a friend in Philadelphia, as a silent comment on the "very latest" English art. The friend cannot have sympathised with Beardsleyism, for he allowed the poster to be used as a wrapper for his week's washing. In this lowly capacity it made its way to the Chinese laundry, kept by one Sam Lee, on Sansom-street, Philadelphia. The moment Sam Lee saw the monstrous advertisement his moon-eyes sparkled with joy, and he begged it eagerly from the servant. It reminded the poor fellow of his native Pekin and its archaic art. He hung it proudly in his little laundry, and invited all his friends to behold the treasure. They came in twos, threes, dozens, scores, and hundreds, as the fame of the wonderful picture spread. Finally, Sam Lee was persuaded to auction off his prize. It was knocked down to Wan Fo Li, the proprietor of the Chinese Theatre in Camden, N.J., for the sum of one hundred dollars, or £25. In Camden the travelled lithograph was placed on exhibition, and the enterprising Mr. Wan cleared over £100 gate money. A San Francisco Chinaman of great wealth was the next purchaser. The exact price he g

has fallen down, cannot fail to strike an observer, as an additional hardship upon this country, bearing in mind that the exports, having already been enhanced to extraordinary proportions, could not fully meet the requirements of last year. The increase is wholly due to a further fall in the exchange rate in England, which prevailed in the preceding years. It, however, does not represent the entire extent of the fluctuations in the rate, as otherwise a much larger amount of increment would have been exhibited. Twenty years ago, a sovereign is said to have been valued at nineteen rupees. This fact is calculated to recall the circumstances, under which the import and export trade of India was stimulated with gold-using countries. The favourable circumstances, which then prevailed have now been totally reversed, without causing a slightest modification in the direction of the trade. Of the two sections of trade, namely, that with countries in which a gold standard prevailed, and the other with silver-using countries, the former is obviously the cause of a heavy embarrassment, which has been inflicted upon the trade of this country. Though slight fluctuations of exchange may occur with silver-using countries, yet their effect must be trifling. An appreciable effect, at the present moment, must necessarily be ascribed to an extraordinary circumstance, now connected with gold-using countries in respect to a fallen exchange. An unfavourable exchange is said to be an encouragement to export, and a discouragement to import. Now the latest official year, of which the aggregate imports are given, is 1893-4, and for that year the imports are valued at Rs. 77 crores. They exhibit an excess debit of eleven crores against India, as compared with 1892-3. The excess in imports is attributable to a fall of an exchange rate and an over-supply of piece-goods to this country in that year. This over-supply of piece-goods has not benefited the Indian people by a lowering of the market price of the articles. Apparently an equilibrium between the demand and supply has been maintained by the traders in this country by an over-exportation in kind. The imports, in the end, must necessarily raise their price higher on account of a lower exchange of a rupee. While the imports were enhanced, the exports for last year aggregated 102 crores—a sum equal to that for the preceding year. It must be borne in mind that the exports for last year were greater in quantity to the extent of the difference in value, owing to a fall in the exchange rate for that year. It would further appear that no insignificant part of the export trade of this country is represented by the wheat and rice exportations, as indicated below :—

	Wheat. Exportation. Rs.	Rice. Exportation. Rs.
1891-92	1,43,80,000	1,38,87,000
1892-93	74,40,000	1,24,00,000
1893-94	31,30,000	1,03,89,000

On a comparison of these figures, it will be observed that the above heavy exports, which have been resorted to, a of the chief articles of the staple common food of the Indians. The exportation of these articles must support the augmentation of their prices in this country. It can hardly be supposed that this annual surplus of articles, if it may be a surplus, might not have interfered with a due proportion of a surplus, which is usually kept on hand by the dealers, to meet unforeseen demands of any succeeding bad years. The result of such a course, it is needless to say, must raise the price of the articles to a maximum limit, and to maintain the same for all years. For if the exportations of those articles may be attributed to a plentiful harvest, then it will be difficult to account for a surplus for exportation not arising from a plentiful harvest of bajree, which, fortunately, has not yet been requisitioned to militate against the larger supplies of import. The problem is not difficult to solve. It appears plain that a surplus of bajree has taken the place of a proportionate supply of those cereals to the prejudice of a wonted luxury of a considerable portion of the population of this country. Still the main fact remains that all the surplus of cereals having been exported away annually, must render a time of famine most calamitous and unparalleled in the history of this country. A reduction in the wheat exports of last year is evidently due to the fact that "the gold price is the determining factor of the wheat trade." A slight reduction in the rice exportation of last year is owing to "the lowering of the price of rice," by the importing country and not on account of a visible decrease in the quantity of supply. It has been said that, "the power of India to pay her debts depended on the surplus exports, and mainly upon the exports of opium and cotton." The opium exportation for last year was less in quantity than that for the preceding year; and the amount of value for last year was also less, both on account of a less quantity exported and a lower exchange. Instead of there being an excess in opium exportation, to meet a loss by exchange, there is a deficiency of Rs. 1,236,000, contrasted with the year 1892-93. Similarly, the cotton exportation for the year 1893-94, contrasted with the year 1892-93, indicates a deficiency of Rs. 1,850,000. It will be perceived that these two trades have failed during 1893-94 to incre se their exportation, so as to help an equilibrium of trade. The closing of the mints in this country has obviously no concern with the poverty of the produce for those trades. The yield of the above two articles need not have been worse than that of the cereals, which is alleged to have been plentiful during the year 1893-94. The importance of these trades cannot be under-rated in the interests of this country; and the traders must naturally feel mortified at their incapacity, to render themselves invincible against the odds of an unfavourable exchange. It is a notable fact that the Indian export trade with gold-using countries bears a ratio of a fraction more than two to one in its intercourse to and with silver-using countries. And the import trade of this country with gold-using countries bears a ratio of five and-a-half to one on account of that with silver-using countries. The above is an ordinary feature of the Indian trade before the action of the Government in regard to the closing of mints in this country. Whereas in 1893-94, the imports from gold-using countries have been considerably swept out to, so as to tax the country to its utmost power in rendering its exports commensurate with the requirements of the trade at a heavy sacrifice to this country. Moreover, in respect of gold, "the net imports on the average of last five years were Rs. 564,000, whereas in 1893-94 the current was reversed, and gold was exported to the extent of Rs. 515,000." This reverse drain of that precious metal, which has been raised in silver value to an unprecedented extent in recent years, if continued in future, and no imports take place as heretofore, promises to be seriously ominous in consequences to the Indian currency. Without an adequate stock of gold on hand in this country, all attempts made to raise the value of silver in India must, in a great measure, be frustrated. As an ordinary commodity of trade, gold cannot be viewed as having an existence in this country. Whatever small quantity is imported is again liable to be drained away, in the manner it was exported in 1893-94. It is a fair question for the paternal Government of this country to determine how long the media of receipts and payments should be permitted, to be indefinitely variable and fluctuating between the two countries, which bear the most intimate commercial and political relations, and which enjoy a kind of monopoly of a free trade between them, under otherwise favourable auspices. The two countries being governed by one and the same gracious sovereign, must have a common interest in their prosperity. At the present moment, England happens to be a gold-using country, and India which is, by no means, comparatively by far a less yielding country, in respect to its industrial resources, as also its tribute to the governing country, happens to be silver-using. Obviously the governing country has no demand for silver, and the governed country has no gold to offer to it. Were there coins of two precious metals existing in India, the receipts and payments would have been proportionately divided, in computation of the respective liabilities of the two trading countries. No undue pressure would have arisen in regard to any particular metal, so as to afford a field for a speculative commercial enterprise between the two countries against the media of payments. Even the trade would have partaken of a needful desire to pass the gold and silver bullion in large quantities as imports and exports, like ordinary commodities of commerce, by which means a fixity of value to both coins would have been greatly stimulated, and the present and future terrible features of the trade avoided. In the absence of the resources for the future expansion of the export trade, no apprehension could be more rational, at the present time of commercial crisis, with a national debt increasing every year to a considerable extent, than that as regards the bajree of the poor of India being also soon called into requisition, to add its quota to the already augmented magnitude of the Indian exports, provided the circumstances warrant it. It has been mentioned by an eminent authority that "a fall in the exchange value of the rupee of one farthing involves an annual loss of Rs. 450,000 to the Government of India, and the loss becomes greater in proportion as the rate becomes lower."—Yours, &c., P.

August 31.

WALKESHWAR FAIR.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—It will be to the advantage of many, if you will be pleased to let me ask my Hindu brethren, through your influential paper, that they may keep a strong look-out at their cash against those at the hands of their shop-boys and others visiting the present annual fair at Walkeshwar. This Pithoroe-fair which is known as the annual gambling festivity is commenced since yesterday, and has credited the Walkeswar with number of gambling establishments of great notoriety. Hundreds of the devotees from various parts of Bombay have commenced pouring in to pay homage to the sacred precincts of the gaming-houses, and the temptation of gambling is too great. Too great is also the *bandobust* of the keepers of the gaming houses which are scattered all round Walkeshwar enjoying great ease and safety, along with a large business. It is really deplorable. Deplorable is the condition of Walkeshwar for being degraded into a gambling village, and it must be ashamed of it. Yesterday I went to see the affairs at Walkeshwar as to how they went on, and to my disappointment I knew that the gaming was all over the place and ignorant youths were being robbed of their precious articles besides money while trying their luck. I, therefore beg to drop a hint through your influential paper, so that those whom it may concern, would keep their eyes open, because it is a known fact that Walkeshwar is nothing in these days if not a remarkable.

JOGARKHANA.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth? Go at once to a Chemist and get a Bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural, quiet sleep, by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes "as bright as a button." It soothes the child, it softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for Dysentery and Diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other causes. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is sold by Medicine dealers everywhere at 1s. 1½d. per bottle.

THE PARSEE-PRESIDENCY MATCH.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I am not an Englishman and do not understand very much about the rules of cricket, but I am sufficiently versed to know that rules do exist, and that they are strictly adhered to, whenever a great match or race takes place. Nor have I ever seen such a muddle as was made the other day at the Presidency match, and feel sure, that if any such thing would have happened in England, the obliging captain would have been mobbed. Either the English captain was right to go on after the bell had rung or he was wrong; in any case he should have thought not only of the feelings, but also of the pockets of his backers—and have saved both, as it was a moral impossibility for him and Pogson to stand up for ten minutes longer against the Parsee bowling. I would suggest, that the Gymkhana refer the matter to the Marylebone C. C. for settlement in the same way as disputes at races are sometimes referred to the Jockey Club. I daresay, all bets have been paid before now, but that is not the point—it is the sporting law on the subject that I should like to see settled by some authority for future guidance.—Yours, &c.,

TEUTON.

Aug. 31.

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR—Your correspondent "B. and C." seems quite ignorant of the betting customs, and hence he finds my opinion complicated. He ought to have referred the matter to higher authority or some one who knew better than himself about betting customs before rushing into your paper. Let me in the outset impress on his mind that the result is always dependent on time. As to the drawing of the stumps, I say that the stumps would have been drawn as soon as the bell rang out time, had it not been for the interference of his Excellency Lord Harris who seemed very anxious to bring about a result. The ten minutes' longer play does not in any way affect the bet. All the bets, therefore, depended on the *ringing of the bell*. The man, therefore, who bet on draw wins. However as there is a division of opinion on this point, it would be much better if either Mr. Raikes or one of the umpires come forward, and make the matter

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A PLEA FOR THE BULLOCK.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Allow me to draw, through your well-read paper, the attention of those interested in the prevention of cruelty to animals to the indifference of the cart-drivers to the sufferings of the dumb bullocks. These heartless men when loading or emptying carts do not use support rods and consequently when the load is thrown on or from the carts up goes the cart pole and with it the poor bullocks suspending like criminals. It is, indeed, a piteous sight, and sometimes ends in the bullocks being strangled to death. Any one who cares may see this for himself on the bunder, or in the cloth-markets. If the proper authorities take this up and make the use of support-rods, such as are seen in the Municipal filth-carts compulsory, they will be doing a favour to the feeling public without making this compulsion a heavy tax on the Khatarawallas. The multitude looking on though fully sympathising have not the nerves to check this effectively, and hence my appeal to the authorities.—Yours, &c.,

J. J. K. M.

MEN'S NECKTIES.

IN no portion of his dress does a man show his individuality so markedly as in his necktie. There are people who profess to be able to read a man's character from his face or handwriting, or even from his fingers and his "spatulated" nails, but if you can obtain access to the drawer (or chest of drawers) in which he keeps his necktie, you have a means of divination which is far more simple and far more certain. Although you may, perhaps, never have set eyes on the object of your inquiry, a cursory glance at his neckgear should inform you as to his education, his age, his position in life, besides giving you a general idea of his character. Unfortunately, like all other of the same class, this is not an exact science, and it is not always easy to discover what effect the personal equation may have had upon the surrounding circumstances of your subject, and vice versa.

It would not, for instance, be invariably right to assume that the wearer of a made-up tie was never at an English public school or university, although you will very seldom make a blunder in so doing. The exceptions to this rule are often enough men of education who in their youth had but little inclination for games or sports, and in consequence were dubbed "smugs" by their fellows, and left outside the pale of public opinion which was probably precisely what they desired. Such an one's ties will be but two or three in number, for he will wear the same day after day, winter and summer, until its hidden mechanism of spring or spike is no longer secure, and its greasiness is no longer be tolerated. Should, however, you find a drawerful of these made-up abominations you may be confident that their owner is ill-educated, vulgar, and ostentatious. Some slight exception may be made in the case of dress ties. There are quite decent men who were never taught in their youth to tie a white tie, and being clumsy with their fingers, have never acquired the simple art in later years—a thing which is a matter of constant regret to them. Their circumstances do not admit of their having a valet to dress them, and they fall back on a made-up tie which they foodly imagine to closely resemble the real thing—a fictitious bow of studied irregularity.

The question of age is easier; youth inclines to frivolity; old age, except it be dandified, chooses more serious neck-scarves. The young man must live a series in variety, and the latest fashions or experiments from the shopwindows, while the business man has a modest collection of black and grey, with a few white-spotted dark blues in the interests of variety. The æsthete coils soft handkerchiefs of pale-hued Liberty silk under his lie-down collar, or blossoms out in knots of "art" chintz. The actor still loves the broad, bulging, cross-over ties which have been out of fashion among other men for some years past. The professional man wears a knot of plain black or plain white silk. The low-church parson shows an ill-tied strip of white muslin, his high-church brother affects a black silk stock lawn-covered round the neck, while the cleric of intermediate view dispenses altogether with a tie, and sets off his jam-pot collar by imitating with his waistcoat the top of a cassock.

The reason why neckties convey so much more individuality than any other article of dress is not far to seek. As far as their clothes and hats and boots are concerned, many men are simply the creatures of their tailors, hatters, and bootmakers. His necktie, however, each man must choose for himself. It is easy enough to go into a famous shop and say, "I want a high hat." At most you will have two or three to choose from. You cannot thus depend upon a shop-keeper's choice as to ties. Moreover, you have a bewildering variety of shops to choose between. And a man who "knows a her'o are" can get but little help from observation of the ties worn by his fellow-men in the street. He may thus discover without difficulty what are the "right" gloves or collars, and speedily procure similar garments for himself, but in the question of neckties such a course of inquiry could not fail to lead him into a condition of hopeless uncertainty.

And yet all-powerful fashion takes cognisance of each rapidly-changing style and its manifold varieties, and has something to say about everyone of them. She has her views about pattern and material, she decides all questions of length and breadth, and even expresses herself plainly as to the looseness or tightness of each knot or bow. It is rumoured that even the wearers of made-up ties are controlled by a sort of spurious fashion of their own, but of this we have no certain knowledge. One would imagine that the wearers of such an unpardonable make-shift would be inclined to protest against the least hint, much less a command, of fashion. But this is by no means the case with the vulgar wearers of these machines, and so they may be easily detected. Do they hear that the *jeunesse dorée* has adorned its necks with white dress-ties of a butterfly fashion with tiny body and spreading ends?—straightway the shop windows in which they delight display a made-up imitation of which deceives nobody except their infatuated clients. So, too, if sailor knots are tied in a tight narrow knot, with the ends of the scarf left bulking below, these same shop windows are promptly filled with an absurd made-up parody of the same, designed to gladden the dubious shirt-fronts of the shopboy and the masher clerk.

As a matter of facts the summer of the butterfly dress-tie is about at an end. Specimens are still to be seen in the music-halls and provincial theatres, but elsewhere it has ceased to flutter, except in a very modified form. The tie may still widen out slightly towards its ends, and it may still be pulled tight amidships, but that is all. And the pattern of your cambric must no longer be visible across a dining-table. If you are no more in your first youth you may protest against the frivolity of the butterfly by wearing an unusually small and straight bow. If your mind is bent on absolute affectation of simplicity, you may find solace in the muslin tapes which are now sold at about a shilling a dozen. There be few who will escape the washerwomen, among whom it is no easy task to find a divinity who will shape the ends of a white tie with proper attention.

The black tie with evening dress is, no doubt, borrowed from the naval or military mess uniform. Some men, however, fancy that a black tie indicates mourning, and others co sider it the proper wear with a dress jacket, as opposed to a dress coat. If it be worn it should have wide-cut ends, as do all bow-ties of the moment, but these must not be more than two inches wide at their broadest. And to our thinking a black silk, not corded, is less pretentious and better form than black satin. The same with should also be sufficient for bows worn in the day-time. For the material of these you have an almost endless choice. If you desire the gay patterns of Indian silk bandannas be careful that you get the true Oriental materials. Those may easily be distinguished, not only by their colours, but by the smooth surface of the silk. The imitation is as a rule bad in device, and also has a rough texture with a slightly ribbed surface. But if your fancy leads you to these rather gaudy bows, you must be sure that they do not blend inharmoniously with your shirt or clothes, to say nothing of your complexion.

More modest folk will find quieter bow-ties made of white-spotted silk-black, dark-blue, or brown. Shepherd's plaid, of various-sized checks, is also inoffensive and cool-looking. Plain or patterned black silk is the height of discretion. The opposite may be found in the bright-coloured Indian cottons, which, save by the boldest, can only be worn with light cloth or flannel suits in the country.

For sailor-knots there is also an infinite variety of material. You cannot err with black satin or silk, plain or patterned. White silks of sorts, but not white satin, are also unexceptionable in fine warm weather. The white-spotted dark-blues is, of course, always in fashion, but goes better with suits of "dittos" than with a black or grey frock coat. Those who are not satisfied with such simplicity must consult their fancy or their taste —*Pall Mall Gazette*.

A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF THE BOOT.

WHEN clothes emerged from early infancy, writes "Autolycus," there happened so strange a warfare, one garment arrogating to itself another's features with insolence truly ill-mannered, and the injured one helping itself to something belonging to a neighbour in quite the proper spirit of relief to outraged feelings, that to this day it is all but impossible to adjudge the rights and wrongs of many articles of dress. Thus it is with difficulty, and with no great success either, that a classification can be made of hats and bonnets, or of stockings and socks. Without falling in with "nice points" that defy decision, it is also nearly impracticable to try to differentiate between the boot, the shoe, the sandal, and the slipper, well defined though these members of the foot-gear family be nowadays.

The boot, as we understand it, is the foot-covering of leather worn over the stocking or sock, and made to extend as far as or above the ankle. It is the buskin of Sophocles, or rather a link between the boot and stocking, just as the soccus is between the shoe or sandal and the sock. But the make of the buskin, which was laced up the front of the leg, in some instances covering the toes, in others leaving them partially bare, more nearly corresponds to the boot, particularly as the mode of that day was to care less for the clothing of the toes than of the instep, ankle, and leg, a fashion that left the shape of the foot less fettered than the modern one, and might find favour now in the eyes and feelings of the many who are so distinctly averse to shoe leather that they accustom their children to dispense with it altogether, and themselves go in "stockinged feet" whenever possible. A mention is made in Anglo-Norman chronicles of boots, and in the first year of the thirteenth century there is a charge set down in a tiring roll for four pairs of women's boots, one to be ornamented with circles. But language is so taxed and unprecise that as likely as not these so-called boots were what we should now call shoes. Half the confusion between these and kindred definitions has been created by the careless choice of words used in their description.

The materials of which boots have been made are very many. Leathers are now dressed in different ways for both masculine and feminine foot-gear, but the early part of this century found stout silk, jean, or prunella quite sufficiently substantial for the majority of women, whose walking propensities were easily satisfied. These they wore of colours in accordance with their costumes, sometimes with, sometimes without, tiny toe-caps of soft kid, and shallow supports to the uppers of the back of the foot. Lacings, which date from the very earliest history of the boot, they found far too rude for their patronage, but small buttons up the outside of the foot, and in later years elastic inserted at the sides, were extremely dashing, and pleased them very much indeed. The only survival of the old kid and prunella fashion is to be met with in the house boot of the "general," a singularly unsmart affair, totally scorned by the up-to-date parlourmaid, who favours Cromwellian shoes with large steal buckles, and the waters of oblivion have swamped the elastic sides, excepting among foreigners and such English as are very poor and have to wear dreadful shoe-leather, more pulp than anything else, to whom elastics remain in monopoly. Undressed leather, felt, velvet, fur, cloth of gold and silver, and embroidered stuffs, these also figure among the materials used, while with them have been found curiously wrought embellishments and fantastic freaks, surely not the least mad that fashion of the dandies of Charles II.'s reign who filled up the immense expansion of the boot at the calf of the leg with rich laces, frills, and edgings after the French mode.

More varied in shape and pattern even than in fabric have boots been, and will be. There was a crudity about those worn by the ancient wealthier Saxons, described as a sole of wood with uppers of thong tied leather, but the daintier Normans introduced something more elegant, and to such a pinnacle of importance raised the moral status of the boot that a Wellington was foreshadowed and to posterity sent down in a painted window of the thirteenth century wherein are displayed boots of that tall kind and their maker. Fickle fashion then elected that they should be "long snouted" with piercing points which the toes could not possibly penetrate nor the wearers walk in with any amount of comfort, a fad carried to such an absurdity of excess that in 1382 after long chiding from the points to the knees had been tried as an alleviation, a law was passed forbidding the making of boots with toes more than two inches longer than actually required. Probably it is unnecessary to add that a revulsion of feeling then set in, and that the successors of these boots were so widely built at the toes that once more the law had to step sternly in and regulate their size. Extremes have always been the delight of fashion.

Henry V. it was who was addicted to short boots to such a degree that when one who had known him was told by another that he had been seen lying in state at Abbeville without buskins on his legs, he exclaimed, "Then, by my faith, I will not believe that he is dead." The favourite boots of Henry VII. and Henry VIII.'s time extended to the knee and then turned over in a roll, which pattern under reigns of Edward VI. and his sister saw evaporated, and the Stuart and Cromwellian period further accentuated, though at that time the boot considerably shortened as regarded the leg, until at last it merged totally into the shoe. Anything more cumbrous and awkward-looking than the heavily topped boot of Charles I.'s reign turned well over just above the ankle, or the wrinkled leather covering of the lower part of the leg with a great cuff as it might be called above it, it would be difficult to design. The Commonwealth affected a huge square-toed boot with an ugly flap, the Restoration the elegantly befurbelowed pattern already mentioned. James II.'s and William III.'s reigns, recognizing somewhat the folly of these, turned their "extensions" upwards, in such a manner that more grace of appearance was secured and a greater protection to the leg.

It will be noticed that no mention has been made of the elegant appurtenances of foot-gear such as buckles, rosettes, clasps, and the like. These were reserved for shoes and slippers, which represented the less sternly useful side of the foot-covering. It was, indeed, less for walking purposes than for riding that boots used to be worn, though in the reign of James I., "the good wrinkle" of a gallant's boot pleasing the beauty-loving eyes of the gentler sex, boots became modish for walking as well as for riding. Perhaps it was the singular the Spanish Ambassador of that period testified to when he told his people that all the citizens of London were booted and ready as he thought upon first sight "to go out of town"! Singular or not, as it may at first have been, it soon became general, however, for fashion had declared the boot to be a sign of gentility as the line in "Cupid's Whirligig." "He's a gentleman, sir, I can assure you, for he always walks in boots," assures us, in other ways man's adaptive leather has returned in magnanimous answer to man's treatment by stamping his identity. Thus senators of a certain Roman period are said to have worn black leather boots reaching to the middle of the leg. No kind of boot has more industriously run through the gamut of modern times, adapting itself suitably to various grades in almost lightning-like changes, than the yellow boot of to-day. It has ranged from palest straw to deepest brown, and again to lighter hue than ever, according to season, or its wondrous elastic